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### LI CHAI-SUM GOES NORTH.

ARRIVES AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

DEPARTS FOR NANKING WITH OTHER OFFICIALS.

### ONLY BRIEF VISIT?

In response to instructions from the Nationalist Government, Marshal Li Chai-sum is at present on his way to Nanking to assume the office of Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army. He arrived in Hongkong by special train in the early hours of this morning and left later for the North by the P. and O. liner *Mantua*.

Currency was given by the *Telegraph* yesterday to rumours that Marshal Li was leaving Canton immediately, but later reports stated that the trip had been postponed. However, he came down during last night, having been preceded by General Chan Ming-shu (Commander of the 11th Army and Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government), Mr. Chu Cha-wah (Vice-Chancellor of the Sun Yat-sen University), Mr. Lai Man-yan (Marshal Li's Private Secretary) and a number of subordinate officials; all of whom joined the head of the Southern Government aboard the *Mantua*.

### Only a Brief Visit.

Officials of the party stated that Marshal Li's visit to Nanking would probably not last for more than a fortnight, after which he would return to Canton.

The fact that Marshal Li was coming down by special train was unknown except to Hongkong police and other officials and a number of Pressmen.

He left Canton at 9 o'clock last night and arrived at Kowloon Railway Station at 1.25 this morning. On the platform were a number of Hongkong police officials and Chinese detectives, together with Pressmen, including the representatives of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, the *S. C. M. Post*, the *Wah Kiu Yat Po* and the *Non Chung Po*.

### Armed Guard on Train.

The greatest precautions were taken by the police to protect the Marshal, no one being allowed to enter the Kowloon Station platform when the special train steamed in, excepting police-men, officials and a number of coolies engaged to convey Marshal Li's baggage to the steamer. On his trip down from Canton, Marshal Li was accompanied by 100 armed soldiers as far as Shum-chun, where he arrived twenty minutes after midnight.

The train arrived at Kowloon at 1.25, but Marshal Li did not leave his compartment immediately, remaining on the train for more than an hour and a half, awaiting the arrival of other Canton officials.

### To See Chief. Off.

It was not until 3.5 a.m. that General Hsu King-tung, Chief of the 13th Division of the 4th Army; Gen. Feng Cho-man, Canton Finance Commissioner; and General Tang Shi-shang, the new Canton Police Chief and Commander of the Canton Garrison Troops, arrived by motor boat at the Star Ferry Wharf. They then boarded the train and met their Chief, Marshal Li. It appears that these three prominent Canton officials came down from Canton on the previous day, especially to see Marshal Li off to Nanking.

At 8.30 the Marshal, accompanied by a number of Canton officials, left the train and as the passed the party of Pressmen at the Station entrance into the station entrance, he boarded the s.s. *Mantua*, which left for Shanghai at 6 o'clock this morning.

### Who Have Left.

Those going aboard with Marshal Li to make the trip North were Mr. Chu Cha-wah, Mr. Lai (Continued on Page 14.)

### STARTLING NAVY INCIDENT.

"ROYAL OAK" OFFICERS SAID TO REFUSE TO SAIL.

### CAPTAIN CHANGED.

London, Mar. 16. Interest was excited on the conclusion of the debate on the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons last night, when Commander Bellairs (Conservative) invited an official statement regarding a telegram which he believed would be published in to-day's newspapers to the effect that the Captain and some of the officers of the battleship Royal Oak had refused to sail under the Admiral, and had been court-martialled and carried as passengers to Gibraltar.

Commander Bellairs requested the Government to state the actual facts at the earliest opportunity. Lieut.-Col. C. M. Headlam, Under Secretary for the Admiralty, replied that he had not received sufficient information to enable him to answer the question or make a statement at present.

The morning newspaper to-day print an unofficial telegram from Malta stating that the 1st Battle Squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet, which was due to sail to Gibraltar on the 11th instant, was delayed until the following day, when the Royal Oak's flag was seen to be hauled down, which ceremony is usually performed when the Captain relinquishes command.

The telegram adds that the Battle Squadron sailed with Captain Osborne, of the gunboat Egmont, in command of the Royal Oak.—Reuter.

### TELEPHONE TO KOWLOON.

### RESTRICTED SERVICE FOR SOME MONTHS.

### APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

Commencing to-morrow, telephonic communication between Hongkong and Kowloon will be somewhat restricted during the busy hours of the day, due to the fact that Government dredging operations are causing a rearrangement of the service.

The dredging operations have necessitated the removal of the Telephone Company's cables, with the result that only a restricted service can be supplied by means of a temporary cable.

Excepting during the busy hours of the day—the start of the business day, just before 8.30, and just before 5 p.m.—there will be no difficulty in coping with the calls, but if calls are not cut down to absolute necessities during the rush hours, heavy demands will be made on available junctions with inevitable delays.

The Company therefore requests subscribers to limit their calls during the busy hours to absolute necessities.

It is expected that the restricted service will be in operation for three or four months.

### NO NATIONALITY OR OCCUPATION.

### PRINCESS'S HUSBAND NOW EXPELLED.

Berlin, Mar. 15.

The ex-Kaiser's brother-in-law, the Russian, Zukhoff, an ex-bootsy-washer, aged 28, who married the Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, aged 63, in November last year, has been expelled from the German. He is a man without nationality or occupation.

Zukhoff has, it is stated, repeatedly failed to renew his residence permit.

The Princess, who lost her nationality by her marriage, is not included in the expulsion and remains at Bonn.

Zukhoff was recently fined for failing to renew his permit. It also requested that permission be accorded to the German Consul at Charkow to visit the prisoners held for Shanghai at 6 o'clock this morning.

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### SHANGHAI POLICE TRAGEDY.

### SENSATIONAL RAID ON KIDNAPPERS.

### INSPECTOR CROWLEY KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

### THREE ROGUES KILLED

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 16. Three kidnappers were shot dead when Municipal Police RAIDED a house in Chinese territory and rescued a wealthy Chinese merchant this morning, but it is regrettable that Inspector Crowley, a British Police Officer, also met his death in extraordinary circumstances.

Inspector Crowley succumbed to a bullet, wound in the head, accidentally discharged from his pistol when he lost hold and it dropped to the ground. The pistol went off and the bullet penetrated the left eye, emerging from the skull. The pistol was an inferior Chinese Mauser and there is a story attached to his possession of the weapon.

### Menacing Troops.

The Settlement Police engaged for the raid had barely passed the Settlement limits when their progress was interrupted by a menacing group of soldiers. They were taken to Chinese military headquarters, but subsequently permitted to fulfil their mission.—Reuter.

### GIVEN INFERIOR WEAPON.

Inspector Crowley, who had been bound when the military captured him, was also deprived of his own automatic and when released was given an inferior Mauser pistol in its place.

The police proceeded to the house in Chapei which it was intended to raid and they carried out a sensational rescue, the kidnappers putting up a vigorous resistance.

Detective Hutton shot and killed three of the desperados but unfortunately the accidental discharge of the pistol occurred and Inspector Crowley succumbed.

### PUBLIC OPINION AND SOCIAL EVIL.

### LEAGUE COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS.

Geneva, Mar. 15.

The League of Nations Committee which is concerning itself with the traffic in women and children, has adopted a resolution, proposed by Great Britain, expressing the hope that countries retaining the licensed house system would investigate the question in the light of the experts' report.

The Committee recognises that where the system has been in vogue for many years, the question of its abandonment must be supported by public opinion, and it therefore suggests that steps be taken to set upon public opinion in the fight against the traffic in women.—Reuter.

### ACRIMONY IN DONETZ ARRESTS.

### GERMANY BREAKS OFF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

Berlin, Mar. 15.

Germany has replied to the arrests of the German engineers at Donetz in the coal-basin recently, by rupturing the commercial negotiations which have been proceeding for the past three weeks.

A communiqué has been issued by the Government stating that it has demanded from the Soviet an explanation regarding the arrests, including the definite accusations and proofs. The Government has

accorded to the German Consul at Charkow to visit the prisoners held for Shanghai at 6 o'clock this morning.

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### INDIAN POLICY OF OBSTRUCTION.

### THWARTING EVERY BRITISH GOOD INTENT.

### OPPOSITION CANT.

New Delhi, Mar. 16. Britain's Army policy was again vigorously attacked in the Legislative Assembly to-day, and the Assembly agreed by 66 votes to 51, to a motion reducing, by 570,000 rupees, the expenditure of the Army Department.

Various Indian speakers attacked Field-Marshal Birdwood's attitude, which was described as an "outrage to India" while, one speaker declared, that "Britain has outstayed her welcome and her regime would be wiped out within a decade."

The Army Secretary, defending General Birdwood, declared that the Army was not maintained for Imperial purposes outside India. No great reductions in the cost were possible. British troops were often a remarkable insurance against riots.

He accused the Opposition of

thwarting every effort of the Government to help them to obtain self-government and instance the rejection of the Reserve Bank Bill, the Navy Bill and other measures.

The Assembly also rejected a grant for the Executive Council, the voting being 58 for rejection and 53 against.

Mr. Chaman Lal said the Council had betrayed their trust and none of the Indian members had resigned as a protest against the Simon Commission. All the other Budget demands were carried.

Reuter.

### TOUR OF MALAYA AND CEYLON.

### ORMSBY-GORE INTERESTED IN RUBBER.

London, Mar. 16.

Members of his family and representatives of the Colonial Office were present to bid farewell to Capt. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore on his departure for a tour of Malaya and Ceylon.

Interviewed by Reuter, Capt. Ormsby-Gore said he would spend some time in the rubber plantations, but expressed the opinion that the Government decision on rubber restriction will have been made before his return.

His great interest would be to see the effect the Government decision would have in the rubber-producing areas.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN RECEIVES WAR DEBTS.

### ITALY AND FRANCE MAKE PAYMENTS.

London, Mar. 15.

The Italian Government to-day paid to the British Government the sum of £2,000,000 being the fifth instalment payable under the war debt funding agreement.

The French Government has also paid the sum of £3,000,000 as the fourth payment on account of the French war debt.—British Wireless.

### CAPTURED PRIEST ESCAPES.

### FATHER RAULHEM NOW AT KIUKIANG.

Kiukiang, Mar. 15. Father Raulhem, the Catholic priest who was captured by bandits on March 13th near Hukow, has succeeded in making his escape.

Father Raulhem has now arrived here.—British Wireless.

### BRITISH BUDGET DAY.

London, Mar. 15.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin announced that the Budget would be introduced on April 21st.—Reuter.

San Francisco, Mar. 15. The French airmen Costes and Lebrun, have sailed for Tokyo to begin their flight around the world.—Reuter's American Service.

### STOCK EXCHANGE EXCITED.

### HEAVY SPECULATION IN CABLES.

### IMPORTANT SCHEME.

### CABLE COMPANY'S STATUS IN FUSION WITH MARCONI'S.

London, Mar. 15.

Excited dealing in wireless and cable shares occurred on the Stock Exchange to-day following the announcement of a possible fusion. The market was almost impenetrable owing to the huge volume of brokers. The Eastern Extension shares increased in market value by £520,000 in the space of a few minutes, jumping by 12½ to 152½. Five millions of their £7,000,000 capital consists of ordinary stock and there was considerable speculation and large transactions.

Marconi's Steady.

Marconi's shares, which are nominally ten shillings, remained comparatively steady round about 70, the figure at which the stock closed yesterday, and which is indicative of the confidence that the terms of the fusion will prove acceptable to Marconi shareholders.

The proposals for the fusion of the interests of the Eastern Telegraphs and Marconi's contemplate the formation of a holding company with a capital of £53,700,000 in three classes, Pound, Preference and Ordinary shares, of which the companies will hold varying proportions, but an aggregate of £36,350,000 will be allocated to the Eastern Extension and £17,350,000 to Marconi's.

Cables Advantage.

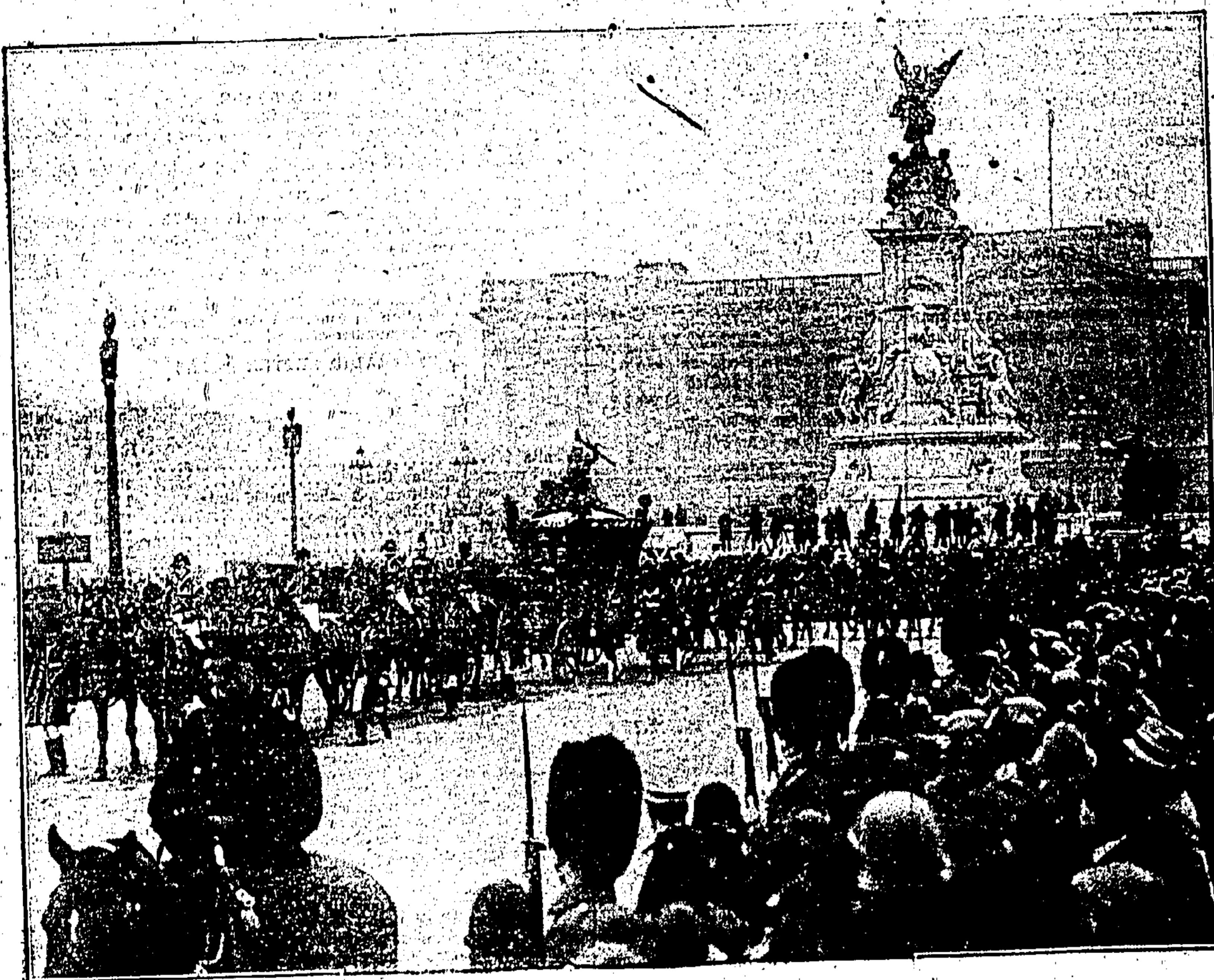
Cables will have a 56.25 voting strength against Marconi's 43.75 per cent.

The new company will acquire (a) from Marconi's the whole of its capital which will be satisfied from the foregoing consideration and (b) the whole of the Cable Company's ordinary shares, leaving the Preferences and Debentures undisturbed.

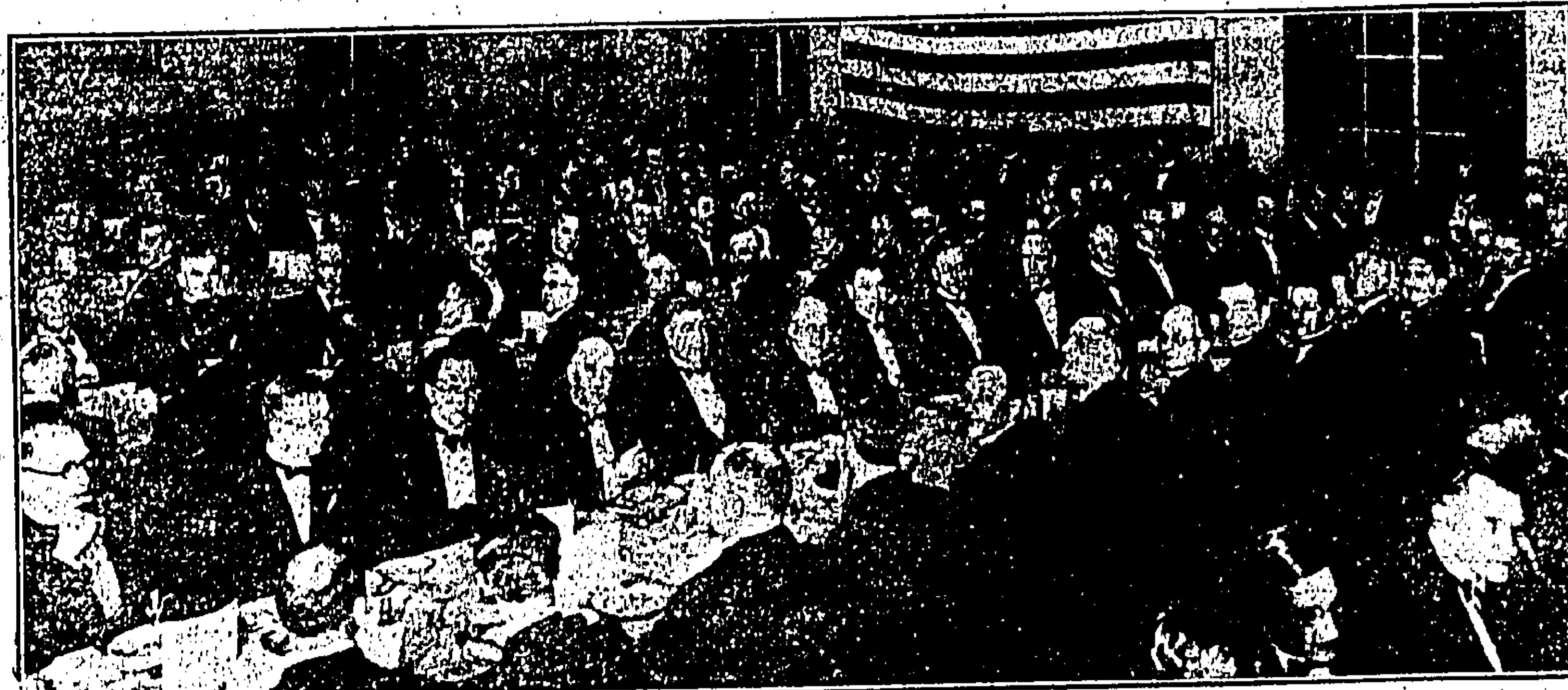
The Board of Directors of the new Company will consist of twelve gentlemen nominated by the Eastern Extension and associated companies, and eight nominated by Marconi's.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 15.





H. M. King George opened the new session of Parliament on Tuesday (February 7) in State. Unfortunately, the Queen had been suffering from a cold, and was not able to accompany him. His Majesty made the journey from Buckingham Palace in the old State Coach, drawn by eight bay horses, mounted by postillions in the Royal liveries. Mounted squires, yeomen, of the Royal Bodyguard of Yeomen of the Guard, and a Sovereign's Escort of the Royal Horse Guards guarded the Coach. Our picture shows the procession passing the Victoria Memorial on leaving the Palace. (Times copyright)



The Shanghai American Club banquet hall was filled to overflowing at a banquet given by the American Chamber of commerce in honour of the U. S. Minister to China, Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray. Photo shows the assembled guests. Mr. MacMurray is to be seen seated under the giant flag between Mr. C. H. French, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. C. S. Franklin.



Shanghai's drag hunting section said farewell for the next nine months to the open country at the end of the last Sunday's drag hunt. A general impression of hunting in the Minghong country is seen in the above photo which was taken as the hunt came in after an exciting run.



Group taken at the farewell dinner and dance given at Union Club Shanghai by Mr. and Mrs. George S. Aveyard to the staff of the Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd. Mr. Aveyard, who is going home on leave, was presented by the staff with a pair of binoculars. The occasion also marked the birthday of Mr. T. Y. Tso, Chinese Manager of the Engineering Corporation.



Miss Alice Carr, American Near East Relief worker was attacked by wolves while motoring from Bagdad to Smyrna after her car broke down on the edge of a precipice in Iraq. She was saved by the timely arrival of a British officer and Assyrian soldiers.

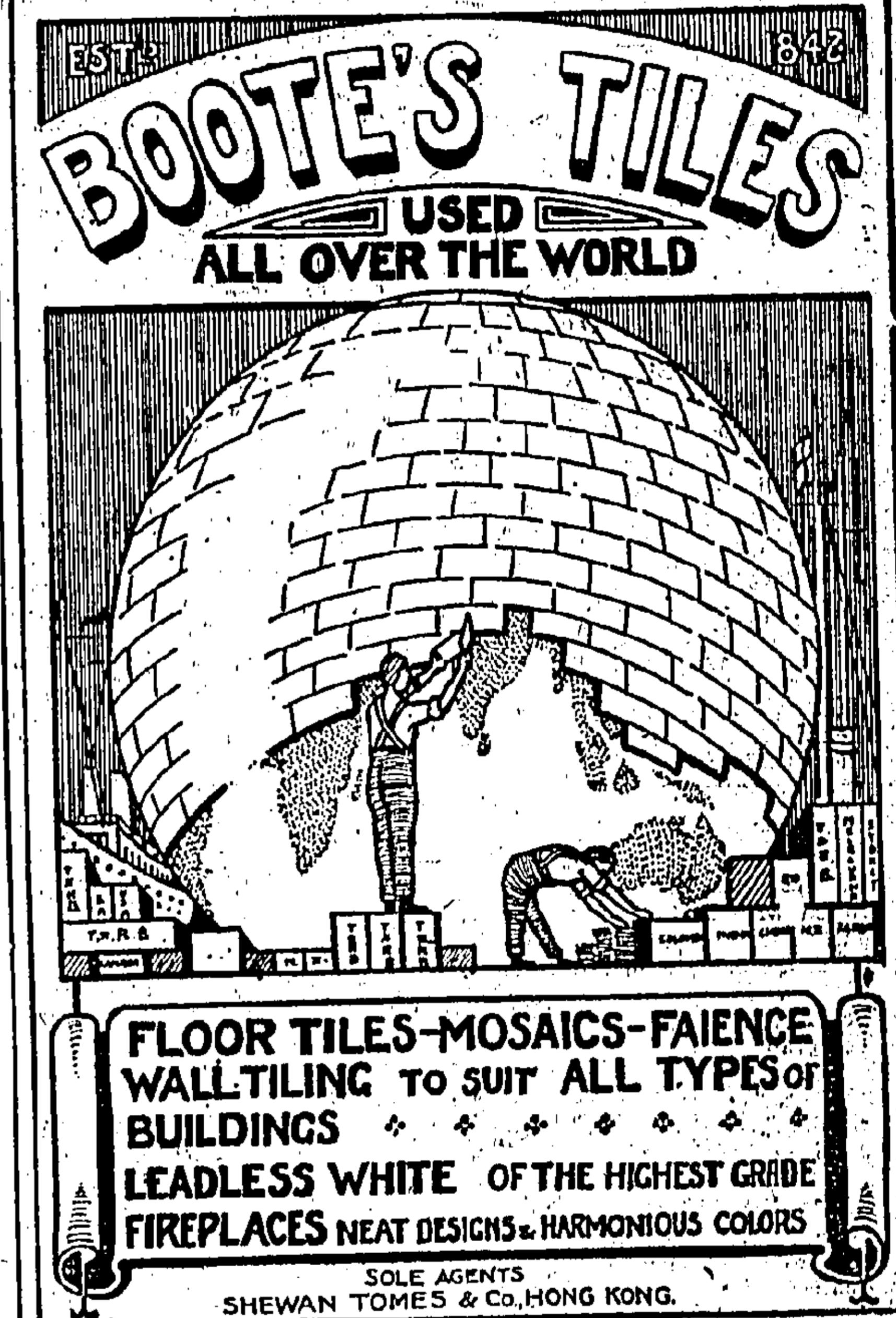


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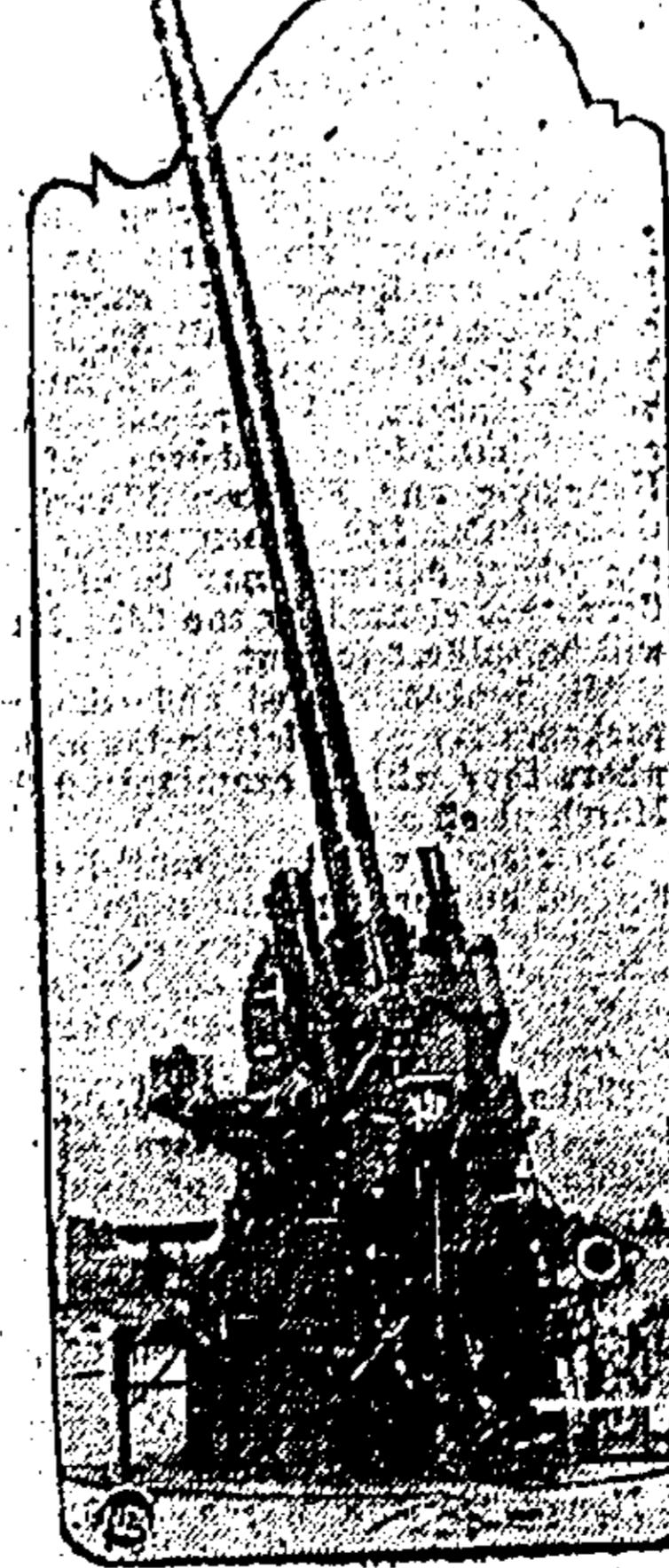
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**EASTER MEETING.**

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

**DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS** for the EASTER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

**ENTRIES close before NOON WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1928.**

**NOTICE.**

**THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

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**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**NOTICE.**

The Catholic Press Day will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday, the 18th March. MORNING SERVICE: High Mass 8.30 a.m. EVENING SERVICE: Sermon and Benediction 4 p.m. After that an "At Home" at the Mission House. Catholics are cordially invited.

**ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.**

Members who are not taking part in the Tai Yat Cup Races are hereby informed that a MENAGERIE RACE will be held on Saturday, March 17th, 1928.

Prep. gun: 2.40 p.m., Starting gun: 2.45 p.m.

By Order,

J. R. L. STANTON,  
Hon. Sec. Sailing Committee,  
Hongkong, March 16th, 1928.

**THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LTD.**

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on Thursday, 22nd March, 1928, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

**THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.**

General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1928.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.**

General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1928.

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.**

General Managers,  
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.**

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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Agents,  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1928.

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Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

**CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.**

**NOTICE.**

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E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

**THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at St. George's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12 o'clock noon on FRIDAY, the 30th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same time and place on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1928.

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**LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

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34 Tins Espanol's Wood Filler.

13 Cash Boxes.

33 Iron Tower Bolts.

42 Padlocks.

124 Trunk Locks.

396 Drawer Locks.

17 Electric Horns.

2 Cases Cigarette Boxes.

6 Boxes Hosiery Needles.

11 Drums Cello.

27 Electric Excess Indicators.

21 Pieces Black Satin.

1 Case Books.

3 Bags Paraffine Wax.

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248 Bags Rice.

991 Bags Bitter Nuts.

174 Bags Fertilizer.

25 Cases Shells.

3 Bags Iron Nuts.

3 Cases Hide Cuttings.

177 Cases Cloves.

6 Bags Shelled Peanuts.

35 Bags Sago.

5 Bags Fish Maw.

25 Cases Purifying Liquid.

220 Bags Powder.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

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Gonna Get a Girl  
4715 { Me and My Shadow  
In a Street  
4742 { When Day is Done  
Broken Hearted  
4671 { Doll Dance  
South Wind  
0179 { Girl Friend  
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WOMAN'S WORLD  
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## Impressions.

## MUST BE FAIR JUDGES.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]  
A certain book review contains this sentence: "You will get out of this book what you take to it."

Meaning that one's impression of the story depends entirely upon the mind of the reader. It is, I believe, a perfectly true statement.

It cannot be denied that there is the type of book—and let us include plays—turned out for the mere purpose of catching the dollars of a public eager to pay for obscenity.

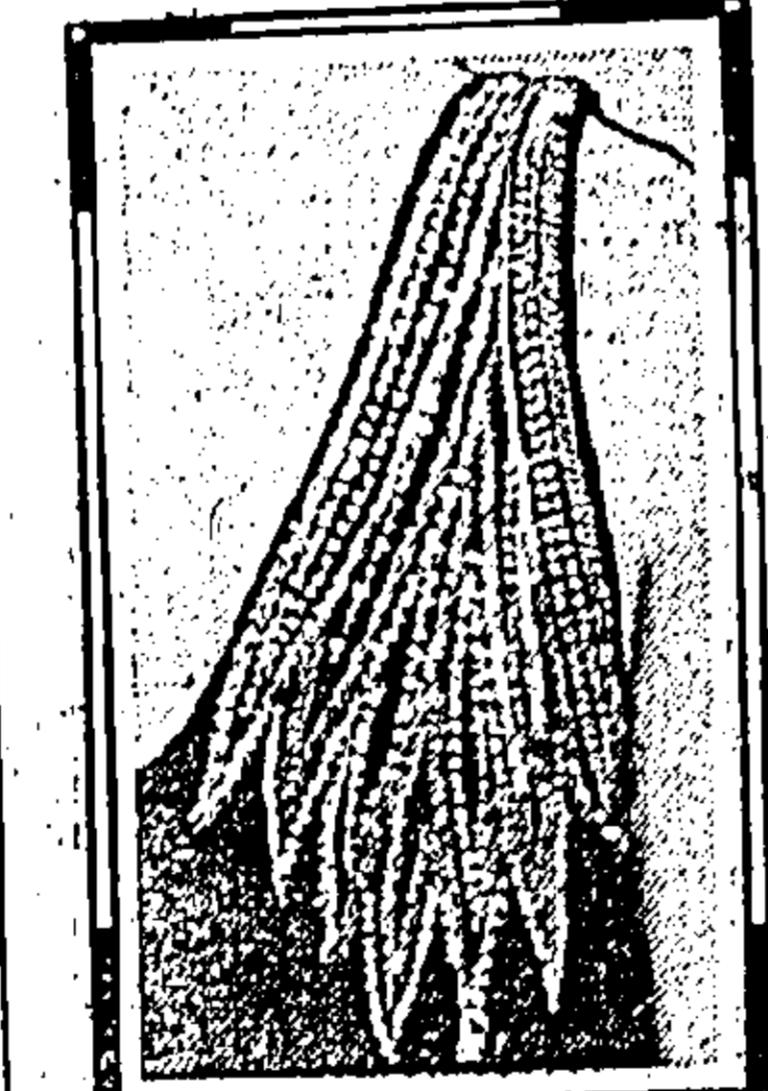
But on the other hand, to hear a gorgeous book or a dramatic classic condemned by the ignorant, because it handles without gloves a cross section of life that happens to be unbeautiful (and surely we know how much of life is unbeautiful) is almost beyond bearing. Any demonstration of prudery is disgusting, for prudery is merely a mask that hides unnamable things behind it.

When the outraged emerge from the theatre that has unfolded an elemental drama before their shocked eyes, and declare it to be indecent, one wonders often just where the indecency lies, in the theatre or in the patron's own mind. It reminds me of the man at the *riasse* review who turned to his wife and remarked loudly, "If I had an idea what this show was like, I wouldn't have come." And he added sotto voce, "I went to six places for tickets and then had to pay a blank scalper thirty dollars."

Those who hold their indigo noses are, as often as not, the very ones who applaud the loudest when the same plot is labelled Shakespeare or grand opera. There they have an excuse for applause and the world will not lift its eyebrows.

How, then, should we judge a play or a book impartially? To clean our minds of their unclean corners, and operate on the very large beams in our eyes, that obscure clear vision. Then we will have no need of that camouflage, prudery, which so often masquerades as virtue. Then and then only can we be fair judges.

## Gleaming Shoulder.

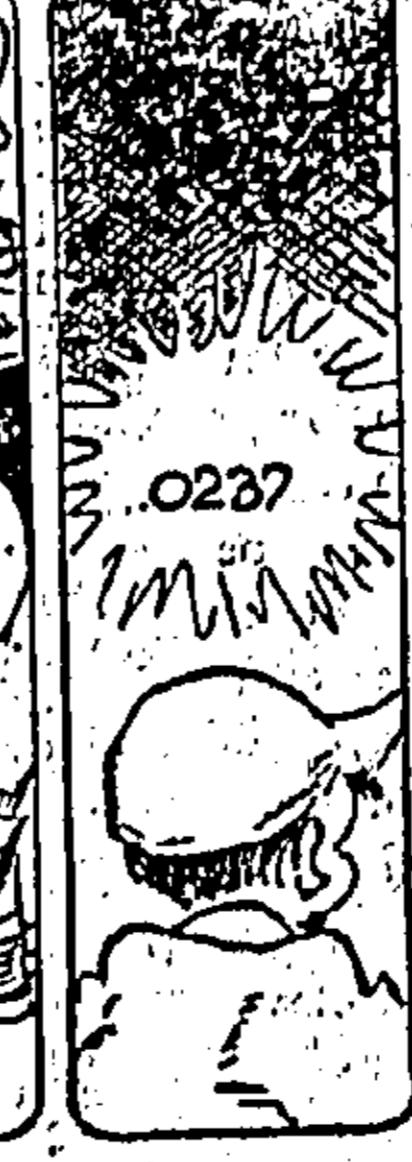


A black velvet evening gown has its right shoulder decorated with a front and back ornament of gleaming strass and diamante.

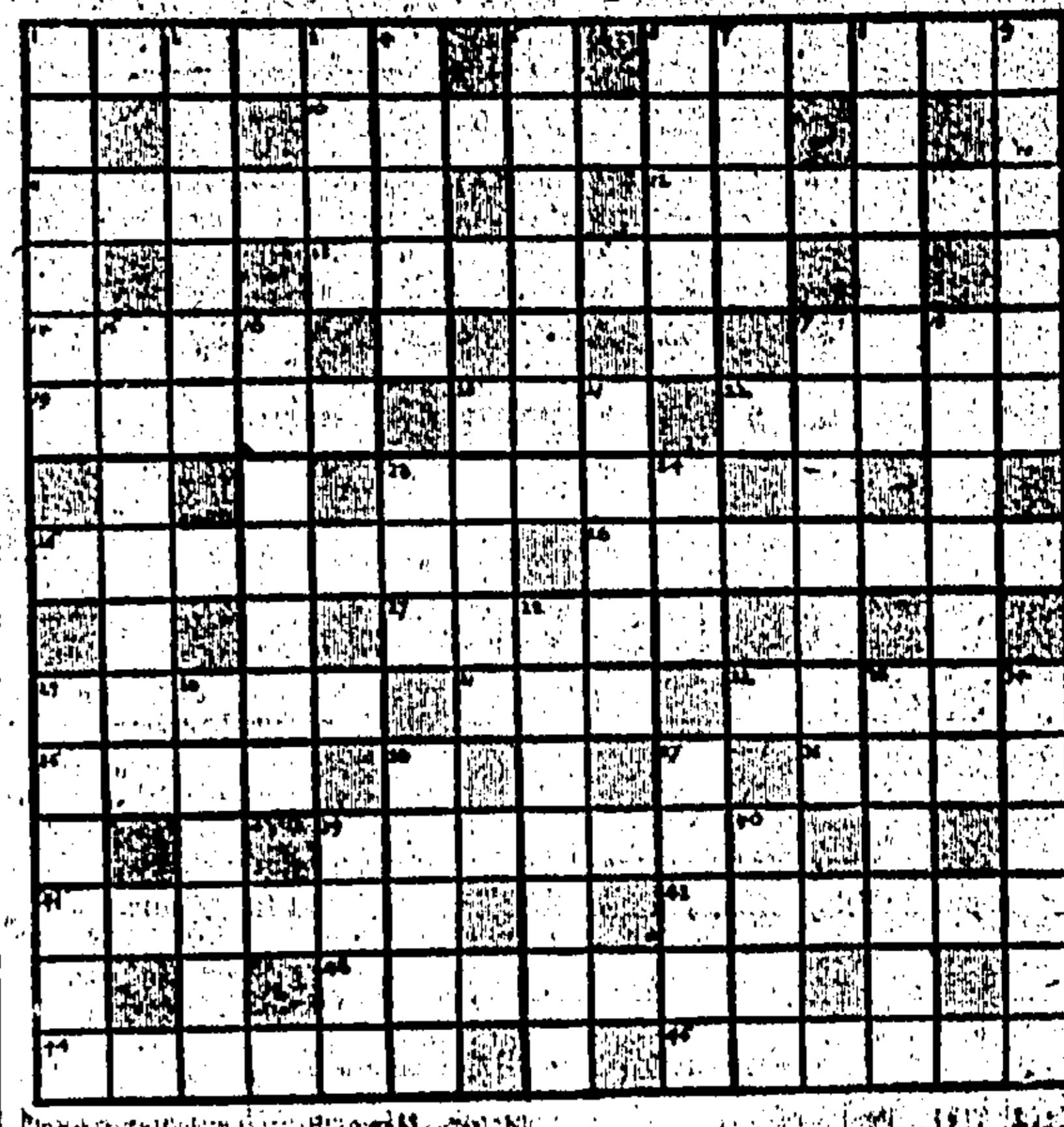
## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## Can You Beat That?



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## Odds and Ends.

GORGEOUS FLOWERS AT ART  
EXHIBITION.

Not only has embroidery become very popular on frocks this year, but the distinctive embroidery of Russia has come to the fore once more. This may be due to the presence in Paris of so

"If a man wants a hat, he goes out and buys it, but a woman shops for hers. That only proves that buying a hat is an incident to a man and an event to a woman." It rather makes one wonder if the author don't a bit behind the times and is thinking of a day when women had plenty of time to shop!

## No Time to Shop.

Nowadays, with the majority of women doing their shopping on their noon-hours of freedom from the job, buying a hat has necessarily become for them just an incident instead of the event it once was. It's the change in feminine life that comes the hardest. Listen to any group of business and professional women talk, and you will find that the blackest pill of all to swallow is the "no time to shop" wail.

## Hairs Sewed in.

A red-headed New York maid had about 100 new hairs sewn in her scalp the other day by a distinguished Norwegian professor who claims to have sewn hairs into the bald heads of Europe's royalty. Funny thing, this, a girl having hair sewn in only to have it cut off, again! Bald-headed men should be interested in this scientific development!

## Flapper School Ma'am.

"The flapper teacher" was recently extolled by a city superintendent of schools who declared that "the flapper with her snappy, frivolous exterior had a serious and earnest purpose in her job." Of course, what room for argument? If there must be some, the one supreme argument is that the nearer in age and understanding and custom any leader of children is to those children, the better for them.

## Male Wisdom.

No book has caused such a furor in many moons as John Langdon-Dayles' "Short History of Woman." The comments are as much fun as the book. Thus one woman reviewer writes:

"The author's demand for women of 'the right to work' is another of these sentimental evasions. The percentage of feminine 'parasites,' non-producing consumers, has never been any greater than that of men parasites. What women suffer from, yet is not getting paid for their work. Unrewarded drudgery is quite as stupifying as idleness, and much less agreeable."

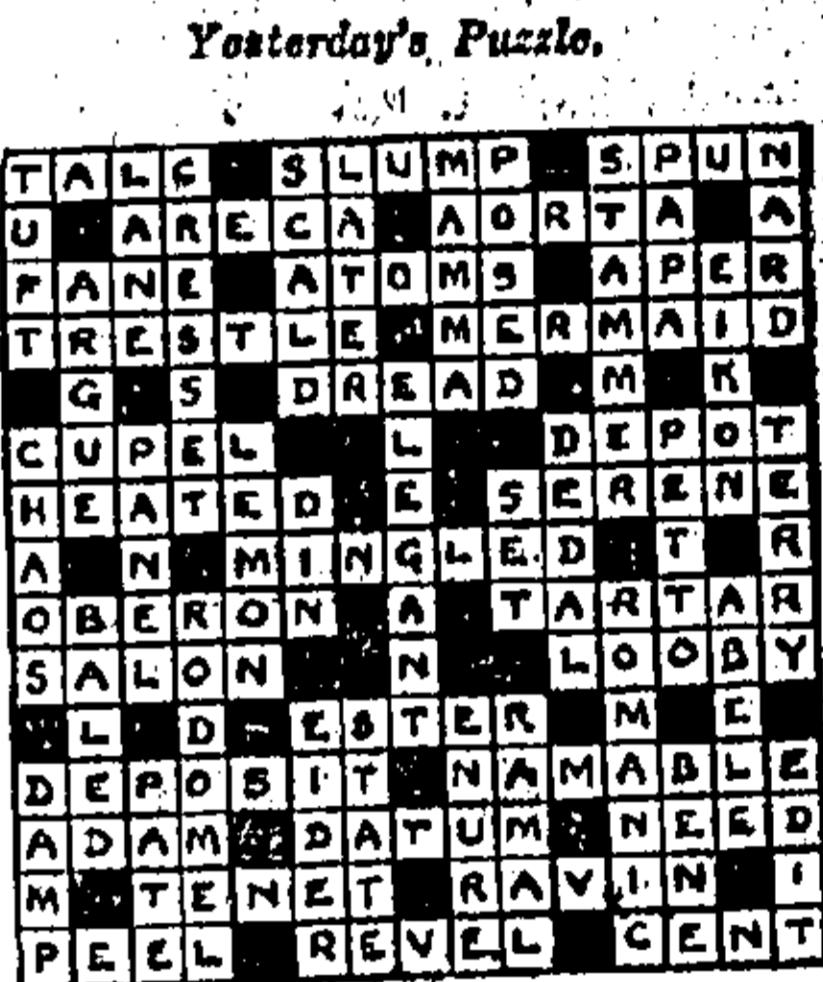
In most countries in the Near East the peasant women are renowned for their beautiful embroidery, and, although the work from those different lands may seem very similar to a casual observer, it will be noticed, on close examination, that Rumanian embroidery, for instance, has as much character of its own as that from Russia.

Indeed, many of the patterns from which the Rumanian peasant women work, are extremely ancient, and have been handed down from generation to generation for many hundreds of years. It is regrettable, however, that, since the war, syndicates have been formed to buy the work of the peasants, and to exploit the market, for the women are now often given stereotyped patterns to work from, with the result that their old and more beautiful designs are in danger of being forgotten.

For those who like novelty, and to whom a bouquet of crystal flowers is a constant source of worry, Paris is showing flowers of felt, of leather, and even of tin. Very large bouquets of tin roses—resembling the gorgeous flowers seen at Art Exhibitions—are also available for use as a table decoration. The bouquets of felt or of leather, and flat flowers made of a combination of these two materials are to be used on sports dresses this season. The many-coloured flowers, lightly stylized, are employed for this type of boutonnieres.

0 Marvel.  
1 Burnish.  
2 Keenly.  
3 Slaughter of useless horses.  
4 Dark part of a picture.  
5 Mediterranean vessel.  
6 Blooming.  
7 Recover.  
8 French measure.  
9 Very wicked person.  
10 Health resort.  
11 Wrong-doing.  
12 Withdraw into solitude.  
13 Makes suitable.  
14 Rely on.  
15 Imaginary models of perfection.  
16 Goes in.  
17 Edges.  
18 That which is perceived.  
19 Slender lofty turret in a Median country.  
20 Malicious burning.  
21 Plant of the genus *Alnus*.  
22 Even (poet).  
23 Commonplace.  
24 One who recolours cloths.  
25 Paradise.  
26 Deficiency.  
27 Like best.  
28 Hydrocarbon allied to marsh gas.  
29 Belonging to Acadia.  
30 Staid.  
31 Large quantities.

1 Sign.  
2 Kind of carriage.  
3 Sudden shake.  
4 Parts of a horse's collar.  
5 Scattered.  
6 Dried grain stalks.  
7 Part of the boot.  
8 Fabulous monster.



## Yesterday's Puzzle.

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### TRADE OPENINGS.

The references in the Legislative Council yesterday to the benefits resulting from the exchange of official visits between the heads of the Hongkong and Canton Governments were very timely, and we should in particular like to associate ourselves with the deserved tribute which Sir Henry Pollock paid to His Excellency the Governor in this connexion. It was only a few days ago that we had occasion to refer to the fortunate position in which this Colony is placed by having, at this juncture in its history, a man of the type of Sir Cecil Clementi at its head. Sir Henry Pollock put into a few words what this means when he stated that His Excellency combines a profound insight into the Chinese character with a genuine sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese people. Those attributes have been of distinct value in the task to which Sir Cecil has devoted himself with such success, of achieving a renewal of the traditional friendship between this Colony and Hongkong. When His Excellency took up the Governorship of Hongkong, he was greatly pained to find that the old relationships between the two places had given place to what he himself has described as an artificial semblance of enmity, to the removal of which he has since applied himself with energy and optimism. How far his efforts have succeeded, the whole Colony now knows.

The restoration of official contact, valuable as it is, represents, however, only the first stage in a movement which should prove of inestimable benefit alike to this Colony and Canton. On the foundation now laid, it is for the business men of both places to build up a new structure. There are scarcely any limits to the possibilities of trade between Hongkong and South China generally, but the business has to be sought; it will not come of its own accord. It is here that commercial enterprise will reap its due reward, and it is here that the opportunity exists for the British trader. Some few weeks ago, the Chairman of Barclay's Bank, speaking at the annual meeting of that institution, made some remarks which it appears to us, apply with much force to

the situation here in South China. He asserted that we could not expect people overseas to purchase British goods unless they were obtainable at reasonably competitive prices, adding that "this problem of ensuring that British prices are on a comparative level is one that imposes an obligation not only upon actual producers, both masters and men, but also upon all those engaged in the process of distribution and marketing." As we say, those observations have a very apt application to the position in South China to-day, where British business interests have the opportunity of recapturing some of our lost or partly-lost markets. Not only have we to get our goods before our customers in attractive form, but we have to push their sale by every available means of publicity open to us if we are to make full use of the channels once again opened up for us. On the point of quality, British goods need fear no competition; it is in the distribution and marketing that the campaign should be waged with unremitting energy and enterprise. There is another big, and equally important, factor. We refer to the point of personal contact with the Chinese, upon which so much depends in the cultivation of business relationships. We have heard it said by Chinese, in quite a friendly way, that occasionally the British business man shows less aptitude in securing orders than do the representatives of some other countries, mainly because of his "stand-offishness" and "reserve." Whether that criticism is justified or not, we will not venture to say. But the personal element is certainly a big one in the world of commerce, and we do feel that it is up to the representatives of British commerce to do all in their power, by sincerity of friendship and by happy contact, to make it a pleasure for Chinese to do business with them. The points we have mentioned are some of the pre-requisites of better trade for Britain here in South China. We trust that they will not be overlooked.

### Licensing Hours.

There will be many who will agree with a correspondent that the "list one" is an important item in the daily programme of some of our rugged residents, and, therefore, view somewhat sympathetically his grievance that some local hotels are not performing according to the essence of their contract. It must be a great hardship to find that at 11.50 p.m. it is impossible to acquire the spirit necessary to a thorough mellowing of the temperament, and if this state of affairs is continued we cannot forecast the destination of modern society! Nonsense to one side, however, the point raised by the correspondent does seem a subject of considerable interest. Is a hotel entitled to close its bar before the hour set down in the terms of its licence? The licence itself does not make it quite clear, stating "No liquor shall be sold or drunk upon any licensed premises except between 8 a.m. and 12 o'clock midnight." We are wondering whether the hours specified also imply that the hotel supply must be available to visitors at any time between those hours, and, if we mistake not, cases at home all point to this as an established practice. A public-house, by its designation, is established for the benefit of the public. It seems to us that a licensee is granted a favour in permission to sell liquor at a profit to the exclusion of a great many other folk who might desire to do so, and that in return for that favour, he is under an obligation to remain open for the sale of refreshments until the hour stated by the Government.

The expenses of Mr. E. A. Hallwood, the Independent Conservative candidate at Northampton by-election on January 9, amounted to £3997 17s. 3d., representing 18s. 8½d. per vote. The other candidates' expenses were: Colonel L'Estrange Maloué (Labour), who was elected, £947 18s. 8d., or practically 1s. 3d. per vote; Captain A. F. G. Renton (Conservative), £1,133 5s. 6d., or 1s. 8½d. per vote; and Mr. S. Cope Morgan (Liberal), £1,041 15s. 2d., or 2s. 2d. per vote.

### DAY BY DAY.

MAN GIVES FROM PRINCIPLE;  
WOMAN FROM SYMPATHY.—John  
Pulsford.

The health return for yesterday shows one case each of typhoid and cerebro-spinal fever. Both were Chinese.

Sub-Inspector Hourigan, Sub-Inspector M. Murphy and Detective Sergeant McEwan returned to the Colony from Home leave yesterday.

During Mr. H. C. Shrubsole's absence in Shanghai, Mr. S. H. Langston will take charge of the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.

The a.s. Empress of Asia is docking at Kowloon at 2 p.m. to-day to replace a chipped propeller blade, but will sail for Manila on schedule to-morrow.

The late Mr. William McNiven Muat, C.B.E., M.B., C.M., of Hamilton Park-terrace, Glasgow, late Senior Medical Officer, Weihsien, North China, left \$14,023.

Amongst the passengers who left for Australian ports by the a.s. Taiping were Mr. and Mrs. Ford Yull, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mulcahy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Manawring, and Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave an increased tonnage, with 15 arrivals and 20 departures, but cargo returns were low. There were only six freight registries over the four-figure mark inward, and only five through, with one vessel from the north in ballast. The heaviest returns, of the day were made by Japanese, Dutch and German. At 9 a.m. there remained 67 vessels in harbour, of which 25 were British.

### THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

### FEATURES OF TO-MORROW'S "TELEGRAPH."

There will again be a most interesting selection of local pictures in to-morrow's *Telegraph*.

In addition to three photographs taken during the official visit of H.E. the Governor to Canton, there will be snapshots of the Shield semi-final between the Hongkong and Kowloon Football Clubs, with a group of the Kowloon team; some interesting pictures of the Motor Cycle Reliability Trial; a group of the officers of the Volunteer Defence Corps; and groups taken at the wedding of Mr. A. E. Kew and Miss Nancy Joyce Ho, and of Mr. Ma Wai-but and Miss M. K. Tso.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 15.	
Paris	12.13
Brussels	85
Amsterdam	12.12/14
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.64/46
Helsingfors	19.34
Lisbon	1.15/16
Bucharest	78/74
Buenos Aires	2/0.1/3
Yokohama	11.1/3.82
New York	4.872/782
Geneva	25.34
Milan	92.40
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.82
Prague	164/4
Madrid	29.02/4
Athens	367/4
Rio	5.59/64
Bombay	1/6.1/64
Hongkong	2/0/6
Silver (spot)	23.5/10
Silver (forward)	23/6
	—British Wireless.

### BIG HAUL OF OPIUM.

### OVER 3,000 TAELS FROM THE "HAI HONG."

Over 3,000 taels of prepared opium were seized in a raid carried out yesterday morning by Chief Preventive Officer Clark and Revenue Officer Ward on the s.s. *Hai Hong*, at the Douglas Company's wharf.

As a sequel to the raid, three men appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindall this morning, charged with being in possession of 8,600 taels of prepared opium. The men were charged with attempting to import the contraband.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro appeared for the defendants and applied for a remand. In the course of his application, he told his Worship, that in view of the large quantity of opium seized, he would not ask for bail. He explained that he required a remand in order to have an opportunity to interview the defendants.

The case was adjourned until March 21st.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### LICENSING HOURS.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—On requesting a drink at a local hotel at 11.50 p.m. one night this week, I was informed by the manager that he had adopted the practice of closing his bar at that time precisely.

May I enquire whether the hotel-keeper has a right to refuse to serve a drink ten minutes before the official closing time?

It has always been my impression that an inn was legally obliged to supply refreshment right up to the official closing hour, and I believe that I had a legal right to demand that my request be gratified. It is annoying to invite a person to drink with you when apparently there is plenty of time and then to find that a hotel has established regulations contrary to those of his licence.

Yours etc.,

B. Hongkong, Mar. 15th, 1928.

### COMPANY REPORT.

#### HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The report of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 1927 states:

1926 Account.—This Account shows a surplus of \$742,214.12, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$48 per share, \$34,440; To add to Sterling Reserve \$25,000, \$246,153.85; To add to Silver Reserve, \$100,000; To add to Reinsurance Fund \$5,237.75, \$52,060.27.

Sterling Reserve.—During the past year the sum £50,000 was transferred from the Reinsurance Fund to create a Sterling Reserve, and with the above recommended appropriation this Reserve will stand at a figure of £75,000.

1927 Account.—The balance at credit of this Account is \$702,855.11.

Consulting Committee.—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

### 21 YEARS AGO.

#### SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended March 16th 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2½d.

Major J. G. King, D.S.O., was posted to the General Staff, South China Command.

The London *Times* comments on the improved feeling towards foreigners in China, and on the earnest desire being shown for Western education.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., reported a profit on working of £407,693, and recommended a final dividend of five per cent. for the year.

Mr. John Armstrong was appointed Manager of the Local branch of the Chartered Bank.

The net profit of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., including £5,513 brought forward, totalled £108,212. A dividend of 2s. was recommended.

Mr. J. H. (now Sir Joseph) Kemp was appointed to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court.

The marriage took place in Hongkong of Mr. C. C. Wu and Miss Martha Ho Kai.

### STATE VISIT ENDS.

#### KING AMANULLAH NOW GUEST OF GOVERNMENT.

## DEFEAT OF SWABUE COMMUNISTS.

## REDS STILL UNBEATEN IN ONE DISTRICT.

## MAIN BATTLE SOON.

Swatow, Mar. 13. As the news of the defeat of the Communists in the Hui-Luk Fung district comes through, refugees have been flocking back. Some go to points nearer to their homes, some get back to portions of the district already recovered.

There seems no reason to doubt that the troops have been successful on the west and south of the district, and that the Communists have been defeated and forced to retire. The campaign is, however, far from complete. For one thing, the Communists have their hill fastnesses to which to retire, and where they claim to have ample ammunition and supplies. For another, they are still unbroken on the east of the district.

Although Luk-fung is reported taken, and the seahound is watched by the Navy, yet the Communists are strong enough to have retaken Leng-kang and to have surrounded the district city of Hui-Lai, whose defending troops are sending appeals for reinforcement. There may, however, be a plan of campaign to round them up in the Hui-Lai region, having driven them from Hui-Luk Fung proper.

Whilst other refugees were returning to places further away from Swatow, those from two villages only a day's journey away, over the inland water south of Chao-yang, said that they could not go. They had been warned to leave their villages empty, as it was expected that the main battle would take place there. This may be based on speculation, but it would fit in with the story of the campaign so far. *Our Own Correspondent.*

## ACTIONS BY MR. L. E. HAYNES.

## TWO MENTIONED IN SUMMARY COURT.

The name of Mr. L. E. Haynes was mentioned in two Summary Court cases which came before Mr. Justice Wood this morning for the fixing of dates. In one case Mr. Haynes, as attorney, sued Messrs. Arculli Bros. for the sum of \$600.

When the plaintiff's name was called he did not appear, and Mr. E. I. Arculli, who appeared for the defendants, asked for the case to be struck out.

His Lordship accordingly struck the case out.

In another case, Mr. Haynes sued Mr. N. I. Brewer for \$1,000. Mr. Brewer appeared in Court but Mr. Haynes was absent.

His Lordship handed a letter to Mr. Brewer which the latter read.

Mr. Brewer then said he wished to make an application for pleading.

His Lordship:—I would not like to do anything in the absence of the plaintiff.

Mr. Brewer:—If I could get my application for pleadings put through, it may save my returning here again.

His Lordship replied that he did not want to hear Mr. Brewer on the application.

Mr. Brewer said it would be wasting a lot of his time to come to Court again.

His Lordship replied that in view of the letter he thought he had better allow the plaintiff one week, or, maybe, two. That adjournment would give the plaintiff plenty of time.

Mr. Brewer:—The whole point is that it means my coming here again, and if I could place my views before you—

His Lordship:—I cannot hear you now. One week or two?

Mr. Brewer:—Two weeks, my Lord. I think it will probably be settled.

His Lordship:—All right. I will adjourn it for two weeks.

## "MY BEST GIRL."

## MARY PICKFORD AT THE QUEEN'S.

Mary Pickford, universal film favourite, makes a very welcome reappearance at the Queen's Theatre with the screening of "My Best Girl," shown for the first time yesterday.

The film is refreshing and amusing, being of the best type of comedy. The theme is somewhat conventional, dealing with a shop-girl who falls in love with the son of the rich store-owner, though unaware of his identity, but it is extremely well handled. There are some very funny incidents, especially in the girl's home. These are, indeed, the most amusing of this type we have seen for a long time.

Mary Pickford is her old delightful self in "My Best Girl," her acting throughout being admirable. She is well supported by a very strong cast, in which Charlie Rogers, the new young star, figures prominently. The film is, most decidedly, worth seeing.

## NEW CAPITAL FOR ELECTRIC CO.

## APPROVED AT TO-DAY'S MEETING.

## MARKED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CONSUMERS.

## CHEAP LIGHT RATES.

At to-day's shareholders' meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., the Chairman (Mr. Gordon Mackie) referred to the proposed issue of bonus shares, in the proportion of one to every two held, and an extraordinary meeting subsequently held approved of the increase in subscribed capital to six million dollars necessitated thereby.

It was also stated that the sale of current last year was over 27½ millions units, an increase of 11 per cent., whilst consumers had increased by 1,905 to 28,420.

Further announcements were that the rate of lighting charges was now 40 per cent. below that of 1914, and that it was hoped to complete the extension of the North Point generating plant without calling upon shareholders for new capital in the immediate future.

## Chairman's Speech.

The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—With your permission, we will take the report and statement of accounts as read. The net profit for 1927, after deducting \$464,200 for depreciation, is \$1,474,221.29 and with the sum of \$33,204.57 brought forward from last account, we have \$1,507,425.86 for appropriation. With this we propose to pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share, absorbing \$750,000; to place to reserve, \$700,000; to carry forward to next account, \$57,425.86. The dividend is the same as for the three preceding years. The amount placed to reserve is \$200,000 more than in 1926.

## Bonus Shares.

For many years it has been the policy of the Company to set aside annually to reserve amounts which have been expended in extensions of the plant to meet the increasing demand for electricity. Some return is obviously due to shareholders in respect of such reserves, and your Directors now think that in order to give effect to this we should capitalise \$1,500,000 of the Fund and declare a bonus equal to this amount to be satisfied by the issue of 150,000 new shares in the proportion of one for every two in the Company. These shares to be issued on 1st July, 1928, and to bear interest from that date and to all other respects to rank with the existing shares.

Such a scheme requires your authority to make the necessary increase in the capital, and at a meeting to follow this, we shall ask permission to increase the subscribed capital to \$6,000,000, which will allow us to make the proposed issue of bonus shares and leave a balance of 150,000 shares unissued. We have thought it advisable to make this provision for a further issue at some future date.

## Lighting Charges.

The sales of current in 1927 amounted to just over 27½ million units, an increase of 11% on 1926, and the number of consumers has increased by 1,905 to a total of 28,420. No change has been made in our charging rates during the year, and the average price obtained has consequently been practically the same as in 1926.

Our rate for lighting is now 40% below that of 1914, and from recent inquiries in England and America we believe that our charging rates compare favourably with those in other places, and that our constituents have reason to be satisfied in this respect.

Bad debts, you will notice, stand at \$11,959.58, as compared with \$38,706.32 in 1926 and \$31,159.43 in 1925. This reduction is due to the fact that since 1925 we have asked nearly all consumers for cash deposits to cover their liability to the Company. This has been the custom for many years, with the other supply authorities in the East. Few, if any, public services here are rendered on credit, and I see no reason why electricity should be an exception.

In the accounts, consumers' deposits stand at \$306,816 and the amount shown under the heading of sundry debtors \$386,000 was due to the Company for electricity supplied to consumers.

The total of the consumers' deposits is, therefore, less than the amount due the Company and as interest is paid on all deposits of \$60 or more, we think that our

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## NANKING ARMY ACTIVE.

## ANHUI REPORTED TO BE IN OPPOSITION.

## NO ANTI-FOREIGNISM.

Nanking, Mar. 15.

There is a good deal of military activity here, and the 37th Army has already left for the front.

Reports from Anhui indicate that the feeling at present there is in opposition to Nanking. The Headquarters Staff was due to leave here to-day for the front.

Up to the present there is no news of the movements of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

No anti-foreign feeling is being manifested here.—*Naval Wireless.*

Wuhu, Mar. 15.

Anti-foreignism is apparently non-existent here.

The "Iron-sides" are likely to pass through here in the next few days on their way north.—*Naval Wireless.*

Wuchang, Mar. 15.

Strict martial law is now being enforced here.—*Naval Wireless.*

Pukow, Mar. 15.

Movements of troops are now taking place in this region.—*Naval Wireless.*

## THE SUN YAT-SEN ANNIVERSARY.

## HOW IT WAS OBSERVED IN SWATOW.

Swatow, Mar. 13.

Yesterday was observed as a public holiday to mark the third annual commemoration of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Schools and officials, with representatives of Labour Unions, held a public meeting in the new Tungshan road, and public offices and other centres were decorated.

At the decorated doorways, two lines from Dr. Sun's Last Will were inscribed:—"The Revolution is not yet complete. Comrades must use the utmost energy in pursuing it." Flags were flown at half-mast.

On the other hand, there was no public procession—a vast change from a year ago. Then, the Student Unions were still in the hey-day of their power, and on every occasion, not less than once a week, sometimes more often, processions were held, pamphlets distributed, slogans shouted, and meetings held. Since the purgation of the Party by the expulsion of the Communist element, these methods have been discontinued, to the great advantage of the community, and especially, one would like to say, to the students' studies.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

## FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

## PRIZE GOES TO KOWLOON CONTESTANT.

Owing to the fact that two of

the matches given on last week's Football Competition coupon were postponed and that two of the remaining ten matches resulted in a draw, there have been comparatively few claims for the prize, although the entry was again high.

Two claims have been received in respect of nine correct forecasts, but in one case an error in the personal duplicates must have been made, for in the coupons received by us from this competitor eight correct forecasts is the highest number. The competitor who succeeded in getting nine correct was

Mr. A. C. Gomes,  
492, Nathan Road,  
Kowloon.

and if he will kindly call at this office we shall be pleased to hand him the prize money of \$25.

This week's coupon will be found on another page.

Plans for the British attempt to break the world's height record of 38,800ft., held by Sig. Donati, have undergone drastic revision with a view to increased safety.

The machine, a Bristol single-seater, had specially lightened wings, and it was thought that if the pilot temporary lost consciousness through failure of the oxygen supply, the aeroplane might go into a steep dive and tear its wings off. To obviate this danger the machine is now being modified so that it will be automatically stable. Should the pilot of the new machine lose consciousness it will take up a gentle gliding angle and there will be no danger of structural failure.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-East winds, moderate to strong, with moderate monsoon. The forecast for the night is:—North-East winds, moderate to strong, with moderate monsoon.

When the pilot comes to on

reaching denser air he will be able to take control and land.

## AMERICA FOREIGN POLICY.

## MILITARY ALLIANCES CRITICISED.

## MR KELLOG ON UNQUALIFIED TREATIES.

New York, Mar. 15.

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Mr. Kellogg on unqualified treaties.

## PEACE MANOEUVRES.

New York, Mar. 15.

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While vigorously advocating an unqualified multilateral anti-war treaty, Mr. Kellogg emphasised that the American Government would not become a party to any agreement which directly or indirectly, expressly or inexpressly was a military alliance.

Neither could the United States, he said, pledge itself in advance to use armed forces against other nations.

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The Chancellor of the Exchequer has received through Messrs. Baring Brothers and Co. £5 from an anonymous donor to be added to the fund of £500,000 which, as recently announced, has been given for the redemption of the National Debt. Mr. Churchill de-

sires publicly to express the thanks of his Majesty's Government for this gift to the nation and his appreciation of the spirit which has inspired it. Recently the *Morning Post* announced an anonymous gift of £100 for the same purpose.

## THE WORLD OF SPORT.



## THE SHIELD FINAL DATE.

## COUNCIL INVITING CRITICISM?

## SPECIAL KOWLOON REQUEST.

[By "Wanderer."]

It is an unfortunate fact that acrimony enters all too easily into matters connected with football, no matter what part of the world it is played, and it is, therefore, the more necessary that no official body should take action likely to create a suggestion of prejudice against a particular club playing under its control.

The Hongkong Football Association have just laid themselves open to criticism in this respect, though I do not propose to take the onus of suggesting whether or not the criticism is justified.

The facts are these: The Kowloon Football Club who have qualified to meet the Police in the Shield Final will be losing the services of Northey, their principal goal-scorer, on March 28th. With this important factor in view an official request was made to the Association that the Shield final should be played on March 24th, three weeks after the date fixed for the semi-finals and fourteen days after the semi-final replay.

The Kowloon secretary made no bones about the reason for the request, but made it clear that Northey's presence in or absence from the team, was regarded as of prime importance.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening, when the matter was considered, the Association, in spite of this special request, decided to fix both Shield finals for April 7th, ten days after Northey's departure. It may be noted that no unalterable match was at that time to be played on March 24th, that April 7th is actually five weeks from the semi-final round (as the re-play cannot fairly be taken into consideration) and that the interregnum is not consistent with precedent.

In 1924, the final was played on March 15th; in 1925, it was played on March 30th; in 1926 on April 10th, because the semi-final was not played until March 27th; and last year, the semi-final was played on March 12th and the final on April 2nd, an interval of three weeks. Never before has an interval of five weeks been allowed to lapse and it does appear that in consideration of the two Clubs' keen enthusiasm, which must wane to some extent in such a period of relaxation, the final might have been fixed at the earlier date requested. I feel sure the Police would have had no objection to offer.

On these facts, the situation may be judged for itself.

## To-Morrow's Games.

The fixture list for to-morrow, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, is as follows:

## Senior League.

Recreo v. Club—Recreo, 4.45.—Mr. Barber.  
Chinese Ath. v. K.O.S.B.—Club, 4.45.—Mr. Smith.  
Police v. Queen's—St. Joseph's, 4.45.—Capt. Austin.  
Kowloon v. R.A.—Kowloon, 4.45.—Mr. Gilbert.

## Junior League.

R. A. Rus. v. Kowloon—Kowloon, 2.45.—Mr. Willis.  
Recreo v. K.O.S.B.—Recreo, 2.45.—Mr. Stokes.

## Runners-Up Prospects.

Much depends on to-morrow's match between the K.O.S.B. and the Chinese Athletic. At the moment, the K.O.S.B. are best placed for the runners-up position in the League, with the Scots Guards two points behind. If the K.O.S.B. succeed in repeating their Shield success over the league champions, they are logically certain as runners-up but should they lose, the position of the two military sides will again be equalised.

The remainder of the matches have little interest, though the display of the Police against the Queen's will be watched closely in view of their future appearance in the Shield final.

## Midweek League Matches.

The following League games will be played on Wednesday, March 21st:—Chinese Ath. v. South China—Club ground, 4.45 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

## NAVY WIN OVER ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Playing at Kowloon yesterday, the Navy defeated the Royal Artillery by two wickets. The scores were:

## Royal Artillery.

Mr. Gnr. Fogden, c. Sparrow, b. Barclay.....	39
S. M. Bennett, run out.....	20
Lieut. A. H. Musson, b. Thomson.....	2
Lieut. R. F. Wright, c. Pelly, b. Hill.....	0
Gnr. Maddox, b. Hill.....	0
Lieut. A. R. Miller, c. Pelly, b. Barclay.....	11
Lieut. E. H. Walter, c. Shaw, b. Barclay.....	14
S. M. Broadbridge, c. Sparrow, b. Barclay.....	1
Lieut. Gunn, c. Sparrow, b. Barclay.....	4
Sgt. Glazebrook, not out.....	6
Extras.....	6
Total.....	110

O. R. W. B.B. M.O.

Sparrow.....	3	20	0	18
Thomson.....	10.4	55	3	1
Hill.....	4	22	2	24
Lugg.....	2	14	—	12
Barclay.....	5	13	5	30

Barclay, b. Bennett.....

Lugg, c. Fogden, b. Musson.....

Shaw, c. Wright, b. Miller.....

Davies, b. Wright.....

Pelly, c. Wright, b. Musson.....

Abelson, b. Wright.....

Hill, c. Wright, b. Miller.....

Sparrow, c. Miller, b. Wright.....

Genge, not out.....

Green, did not bat.....

Thompson, did not bat.....

Extras.....

Total.....

O. R. W. B.B. M.O.

Musson.....	9	29	2	54
Bennett.....	4	32	1	24
Wright.....	8.3	51	3	51
Miller.....	4	17	2	24

Royal Navy.

Barclay, b. Bennett.....

Lugg, c. Fogden, b. Musson.....

Shaw, c. Wright, b. Miller.....

Davies, b. Wright.....

Pelly, c. Wright, b. Musson.....

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## SHANGHAI VISIT.

## RECEPTION TO BILLIARDS EXPONENTS.

A large gathering of the Hongkong Portuguese community extended a rousing reception to the billiards team who arrived in the Colony by the Empress of Asia yesterday morning, to play against Hongkong for interport honours.

The Shanghai team is composed of the following: Mr. G. M. P. Remedios (Captain), Mr. F. A. Alvarez, Mr. E. P. Barron, Mr. J. Medina, Mr. S. del Rivero, Mr. A. A. Silva, Mr. A. A. Souza, and Mr. J. C. Brito (manager and secretary). This interport series makes the third of its kind. A Shanghai team visited Hongkong in 1924, when the latter were victorious. A Hongkong team paid a return visit in the following year, when Hongkong succumbed.

The members of the visiting team were met at the wharf by Mr. A. E. S. Alvarez, President of the Hongkong Lusitano Billiards Association, accompanied by Mr. E. D. da Roza, (Hon. secretary of the Lusitano Club), Mr. A. J. Osmund (secretary of the Lusitano Billiards Association), Mr. J. C. Ribeiro (representing the Club de Recreio), Mr. G. Van (representing the Catholic Union Club), and many others.

## Visitors Welcomed.

Yesterday's reception was organised by the committee of the Lusitano Billiards Association, and there were present representatives of the Lusitano Club, Club de Recreio, and the Catholic Union Club. When those present had gathered in the Lusitano Club billiards room Mr. A. S. Alvarez, in extending a welcome, said they had assembled there for the purpose of greeting their friends from Shanghai who had come to Hongkong to try billiards conclusions for interport honours. As they all knew, the visitors were strangers to the Colony and he hoped that the boys of Hongkong would make their stay here an pleasant as possible. (Hear, hear). Mr. Alves then introduced the players one by one with appropriate remarks that caused much laughter, after which he toasted the health of the visitors and wished them every luck in the interport.

After the toast had been drunk three cheers were heartily given for the Shanghai players.

In replying, Mr. Brito expressed thanks for the hearty manner in which the visitors had been received, in the usual Hongkong spirit of hospitality. The players were new to Hongkong and would be playing on strange tables and in strange surroundings, but they would try their best. (Hear, hear). He was pleased to see so many present to greet them and they were grateful to the President for his kind speech of introduction.

Later Mr. E. D. da Roza also expressed a welcome to the visitors remarking that the concerns were "interport" clubs and they were glad of the opportunity of reciprocating Shanghai's hospitality.

In addition to the interport games an exhibition match has been arranged between Mr. A. J. Osmand and Mr. E. D. Bush, both well known players which will be played next Tuesday night commencing at 9.15. They have won considerable laurels in the billiards world. Mr. Osmand's record break at the Lusitano Club in Hongkong is 257. It is expected that this game will be one of the best of the series.

## JOCKEYS' FALL.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. J. K. BRAND.

Mr. J. K. Brand met with a very bad accident when riding in the races on Saturday at Shanghai, as a result of which he is detained in hospital. He went out in the third race on The Trial Bird, the pony seeming perfectly quiet, although there were others who were fractious in the paddock and on the course, notably the Hoosier.

Exactly what caused the accident cannot be stated definitely, for none of the other riders were sure of it and it could not be followed from the stands. The field got away well lined for a six-furlong race and the jockeys say that after a fair start Razack failed to produce his real form and was a loser all the way in this set. His placing was faulty and his drives found the net quite often. On the other hand the Japanese player was at the top of his form, driving backhand and forehand with great accuracy.

Razack opened the second set by playing indifferently and Yoshida taking a business-like stand from the commencement. As a result, Yoshida secured point after point over the young Indian player and eventually managed to secure a victory of 6-0. Razack failed to produce his real form and was a loser all the way in this set. His placing was faulty and his drives found the net quite often. On the other hand the Japanese player was at the top of his form, driving backhand and forehand with great accuracy.

As quickly as possible, Mr. Brand was brought in and taken into the jockeys' room. He was unconscious, but received prompt attention from Dr. W. E. O'Hearn and in few minutes was able to speak to the latter. An examination showed that there were not any broken bones, but the jockey was in such a bad state that he was hurried away to hospital.

After a fuller examination, it was announced that he was suffering from very severe concussion and had again become unconscious, but later was more favourable.

Mr. Brand lately has been particularly unfortunate, having had four or five accidents, at least one of which was sufficient to cause much anxiety to his many friends.

## RIFLE LEAGUE.

## HOW THE CLUBS STAND AT PRESENT.

The following is the present positions of the Clubs in the Hongkong Rifle League:

	Fired. W.	L. Pts.
H.M.S. Argus	10	8
Saints Guards	8	7
H.M.S. Tamar	8	6
Taikeo Rifle Club	8	6
H.M.S. Carlisto	9	5
Queen's Regt.	7	3
Dockyard Rifle Club	6	2
R. A. O. Corps	8	1
Hongkong Police	3	0
K.O.S. Borderers	3	0
R.A.F. (Kai Tak)	6	0

## VALLEY GOLF.

## QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE ADAMSON CUP.

A. J. W. Dorling qualified for the Adamson Cup played between March 2 and 13 at Happy Valley with a score of 80-20-68.

Other scores were:

F. G. James 80-18-68.

T. Young 92-24-68.

J. Stewart 86-16-71.

E. M. Hanlon 96-24-72.

There were 10 entries.

## LOCAL TENNIS.

## INTERESTING MATCHES IN OPEN SINGLES.

Something of a sensation in the men's tournament occurred yesterday afternoon, when H. Yoshida secured a victory of three straight sets over I.M.A. Razack. The Japanese played a very consistent game and thoroughly deserved the win, but there was not such a big disparity between the players as the score suggests.

The match opened with Razack playing indifferently and Yoshida taking a business-like stand from the commencement. As a result, Yoshida secured point after point over the young Indian player and eventually managed to secure a victory of 6-0. Razack failed to produce his real form and was a loser all the way in this set. His placing was faulty and his drives found the net quite often. On the other hand the Japanese player was at the top of his form, driving backhand and forehand with great accuracy.

Razack opened the second set by playing two games, but the Japanese got to work and secured the third game. Razack forged ahead further making the score 3-1, but consistent play on the part of the Japanese brought the scores level at 3-3. Thereafter Razack and Yoshida each secured one game in turn until 5-5 was reached, when through Razack's faulty play, the Japanese secured the eleventh and twelfth games of the set finishing on top with 7-5.

The last set created plenty of excitement. The players each obtained one game, and then Razack failed late after time, allowing the Japanese to bring the score to 5-1. From this point, however, a different complexion came over the game and the young Indian player, with a wonderful grit secured the next five games in succession and actually led at 6-5. The Japanese equalised, but Razack again led at 7-6. He then lost three games running, thus giving the match to the Japanese player. Many long rallies occurred, but there was nothing like championship tennis towards the end, the players adopting cautious tactics.

Other Games.

The only other singles match was that between H. D. Rumjahn and Y. Sajiki, which went the whole of the scheduled five sets. The game finished in darkness, and just before the end, Sajiki had to call a halt twice owing to a cramp in the leg. Rumjahn played aggressively throughout, but in the opening sets he made many erratic strokes and his drives were often low. In this way the Japanese player scored many points.

Sajiki displayed plenty of enterprise and his efforts were rewarded. He managed to bring the score to two sets all before he finally broke down, Rumjahn playing brilliantly towards the end.

In the Handicap singles "A" Major W. B. Stevenson qualified for the semi-final by defeating O. C. Womack, 6-2, 6-0.

The full results of yesterday's matches follow:

Open Singles—H. D. Rumjahn beat Y. Sajiki 6-3, 4-6, 0-4, 6-1. H. Yoshida beat I. M. Razack 6-0, 7-5, 0-7.

Handicap Singles "A"—Major W. B. Stevenson beat O. C. Womack 6-2, 6-0. W. D. Fiddler Wilson beat Surg. Lt. Col. H. Hurst 6-4, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B"—T. G. Bennett (rec. 1/6) beat Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 0/6) 6-0, 7-5.

Handicap Doubles—G. C. Grove and J. G. Lawrie (rec. 1/6) beat A. H. Crook and J. R. Wood (rec. 2/6) 6-3, 6-2.

## THE H.K.V.D.C.

## ANNUAL INSPECTION BY THE G.O.C.

There was an excellent muster of all units of the Hongkong Volunteer Defense Corps at Murray Parade ground last evening, on the occasion of the annual inspection of the Corps by the General Officer Commanding, H. E. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.

The Corps was drawn up in the hollow square, with the Scottish Company and other units of the Royal Engineers, the Armoured Car Company, etc., on the Queen's Road side, facing the Artillery and other companies. There was a large attendance of the general public to witness a very smart turn-out.

On the arrival of H. E. the G.O.C., the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, which faced the saluting point, played the salute, after which came the inspection, starting with the Armoured Car Company. Then followed the march past, H. E. Major General Luard taking the salute.

Reduced Strength.

The square closed up and the G.O.C. addressed the assembled companies as follows:

To begin with I congratulate the Corps on their fine turn-out and the accuracy of their movements on parade to-day.

It has been customary to say a few words at the annual inspection on the working of the Corps for the past twelve months and I propose to continue the practice. I am going to begin by saying that I am disappointed at the way the numbers and the strength have gone down. Thanks to the new Portuguese Company and band it would not appear to be much, but I think I can say that with the exception of the Artillery Company it has been considerable.

You may say it is absurd to rub this into us who remain but my reason for doing so is that I suggest that possibly more might be done by members—particularly perhaps the younger ones—to influence their young friends soon after their arrival to join. I realise the difficulty but still I think more might be done in that direction.

Portuguese Company.

I am also disappointed that the Portuguese Company has not come along as we hoped and were led to expect. We hope for quite double the number or more, and I cannot help thinking that there must be some misunderstanding as to conditions of enrolling which I hope may soon be swept away.

I am sorry not to see the band on parade. I hear that, in spite of the organisation occupied in the office of the Musashinbun, a proletarian newspaper. A close examination of the persons arrested is now proceeding.

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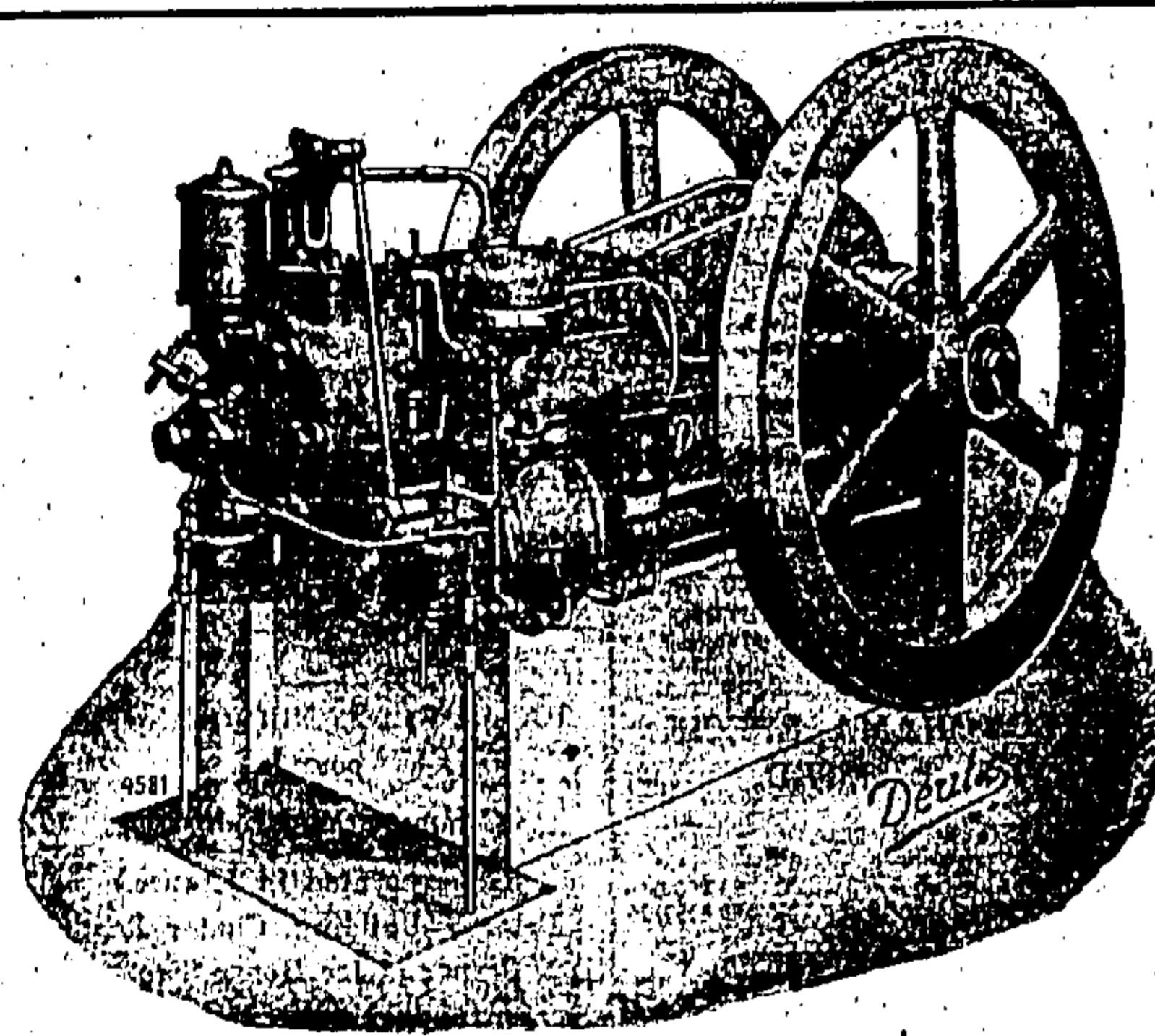
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### TANGIER QUESTIONS.

### FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

London, Mar 15.  
The Tangier Conference, at  
which France, Spain, Italy, and

Britain will confer, and which was originally fixed for to-day, has been postponed till Tuesday.

The Conference will review the Franco-Spanish agreement, and will consider outstanding questions regarding the administration of Tangier.—*British Wireless*.

### CLERK GAOLED.

### ELOQUENT PLEA PROVES UNAVAILING.

Appearing before Major C. Wilson yesterday afternoon, on six counts of fraud and false entries, Pau Tat-shing, alias Pau Naching, a clerk of Queen's College, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The charges, related to making false entries in respect of sums of \$135, \$170 and \$65 on various dates. Alternative charges of submitting false vouchers were brought by the prosecution, represented by Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P.

The youth was defended by Mr. Leo D'Almada Castro, who, on being invited by his Worship to speak, pleaded guilty to all charges on behalf of the defendant. In doing so he pointed out to his Worship that although there were six charges against the defendant, actually they arose out of three cases. Mr. Perdue had said at a previous hearing that the charges were of very serious nature, but he (Mr. D'Almada) wanted to bring certain facts before his Worship regarding the defendant himself.

The defendant had been a student in Queen's College and it was in consequence of this fine record that he was made a clerk in the school. Regarding the charges, Mr. D'Almada said that the defendant now made a clean breast of it, despite the fact that he originally laid the blame on another party, who was employed by the Education Department and who was no longer in the Colony.

### Restitution Promised.

Mr. D'Almada then informed his Worship that the relatives of the defendant had authorised him to say that they would make restitution of every cent that was taken, and Mr. D'Almada himself personally gave the undertaking that such restitution would be made.

Pleading that, in view of the restitution, his Worship should not send the defendant to gaol Mr. D'Almada said: "He is in this position before you, pleading guilty to most serious offences. Mr. Perdue has told me that having made restitution they will not press the charge. Under the circumstances I don't know if your Worship will think it wise to send him to gaol or to punish him in some other way. Unless there should be anything else against the defendant I ask your Worship to bind him over to come up for judgment whenever called upon to do so. He has made a clean breast of it and as soon as I was instructed I made a clean breast of it to the prosecution, and here we are, and I am making the same clean breast of it before your Worship. He is very penitent about it and I ask your Worship not to mete out such punishment as will force him to mix up with criminals of the worst nature as we must find in the Victoria Gaol."

Mr. D'Almada concluded by pointing out that the defendant was a young man and succumbed to temptation. He reminded his Worship that Mr. Perdue did not wish to be harsh on the defendant.

Mr. Perdue addressing his Worship said that it was pleasing to note that restitution had been made, but he could not help pointing out that the offences were very serious in their nature as they extended from June last year to January this year and involved \$360. That was not the worst feature of the offence, which, said Mr. Perdue, involved obtaining money by false pretences. False cheques were used to show a receipt by a carpenter's firm.

### Imprisonment Required.

His Worship at this point agreed with Mr. Perdue that there were really three transactions on which the defendant could be charged.

Mr. Perdue continuing said that he might have stated that he did not wish to press the charge but he did not mean that he considered imprisonment was not required in the case. The nature of the offence was such that it could not possibly be met by a fine. Regarding the restitution which defendant's relatives were prepared to make, Mr. Perdue said that that certainly showed a certain amount of repentance.

Mr. D'Almada once again asked his Worship to accept the young man's plea that it was a lapse which came in the way of temptation to a good many young men. He reminded his Worship that by sending the young man to gaol, he was bound to associate with criminals and in that way imprisonment would only mean breeding one more criminal.

Major Wilson: This case cannot be met by a fine and the least sentence I can pass is one month's hard labour on each of the three original charges.

Besides Mr. Perdue, who prosecuted, there were in Court Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, and Mr. A. H. Crook, Headmaster of Queen's College.

The aspen is the name of a tree that is often preceded by the adjective "trembling."

### PARTNERSHIP DEBT.

### JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN RECENT CASE.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice Wood delivered judgment in the case in which Lang Quock-lang, 5 Gresson street, sued Tam Wah-dong, c/o The China Rubber Tyre Company, 74 Praya East, for the sum of \$500 in respect of a partnership debt. The defendant counterclaimed for \$269, his claim arising out of the same matter.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo conducted the case for the defendant.

The facts of the case are contained in his Lordship's judgment which follows.

His Lordship said: These parties were partners together in the China Rubber Company. On January 5, having decided to dissolve partnership, they attended together at the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, solicitors, where they interviewed Mr. Horace Lo. The partnership accounts were agreed, but the terms of dissolution were not then agreed. On the following day, they again attended. A discussion ensued and agreement was reached. The principal obstacle to agreement was the inclusion in the arrangement of an admitted debt owing from the partnership to the plaintiff, amounting to \$784.

### Contract Signed.

Finally, on joint instructions of the parties, a formal contract was drawn up, which they signed. Under it an auction was to be held by the solicitor at which the firm was to be transferred to the highest bidder. The consideration for the sale was to be half the highest bid to be paid subject to the deduction of the debt mentioned above. The auction took place. The defendant was declared to be the successful bidder. The price calculated according to the agreement, viz; \$3,268, was paid by the defendant and accepted by the plaintiff.

At this juncture the plaintiff asked to be paid also in addition the amount of the partnership debt before-mentioned. I can quite understand that this demand was made in entire good faith. The conversation had been conducted in the English language. Both parties had given evidence in English. It was evidence that neither had a really competent

### MOSCOW'S SPIES.

### SENTENCED AT SECRET TRIAL IN PARIS.

Paris, Mar. 15.

At an espionage trial held in camera, thirteen persons, including a number of French soldiers were charged with supplying Soviet agents with military information.

Roujeyres, an ex-employee of the Revenue Department, and Madeleine Clarc, secretary to a Communist municipal councillor, were each sentenced to five years imprisonment and ten years "interdiction de séjour." The woman has not yet been arrested.

Other prisoners were sentenced to varying terms from six months to four years, with fines.

The judgment states: "The trial again reveals the audacious anti-French espionage plan conceived by the Third Moscow International, and confirms that the delicate organisms of French national defences are placed in the greatest peril."—Reuter.

### OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

#### VALUABLE HINTS TO GOLFERS.

##### AUTO-SUGGESTION.

A frequent subject for debate in the locker room or at the nineteenth hole is the type of mind that is best for golf. Some insist that the dull, unimaginative mind prevents erratic shots, claiming also that undue sensitiveness and intelligence tend to mitigate efficiency.

Dr. Theodore B. Hyslop, British neurologist and a leading golfer, asserts that the latter type is more productive of brilliancy than the former, particularly when the individual player schools himself to overcome incidental and temporary variations.

Human beings react differently to various situations. Most of us follow ordinarily the line of least resistance. The natural way to act is usually the most economical way from the physical and mental point of view. Therefore, Dr. Hyslop believes that the instructor will cultivate the pupil's natural processes and not try to stultify his natural reactions.

Many of our reactions seem to be inherited as a part of our mental processes. There seems to be such a thing as a born golfer. What is good for the average golfer who plays from ninety to one hundred may be bad for the super-golfer who is usually in the low seventies, and at worst near to eighty.

As Dr. Hyslop points out, the selection of clubs may be an indication of the nature of the golfer's cranium. Some golfers acquire an intimate and friendly knowledge of a few clubs; others, through obsessions of fear and timidity, make many acquaintances but few friends. It is better to know three clubs well than a dozen slightly.

##### The Visiting Dub.

The player who is a supergolfer on his own links and a dub when visiting elsewhere is not an unfamiliar figure. The visit is a test of his ability to react to a strange environment, his ability to judge distance, and his emotional nature generally. True efficiency is able to respond satisfactorily under any conditions.

The psychological hazard or mental handicap unquestionably exists in golf. It is only necessary to point out to some golfers the presence of a narrow ditch

### NORTH AND SOUTH CHINA.

#### COMMON AIM ON TREATIES.

Peking, Mar. 16.

Chinese circles state that while the Peking authorities are pushing on the tariff autonomy question, the Nanking Government is doing little towards enforcement of autonomy next year; hence they suggest the Government have reached an agreement on the matter, whereby the North will be left to settle the tariff question with the Powers.

The North and South are also believed now to hold similar views on treaty revision, both apparently favouring gradual revision by peaceful means.

In view of the agreement on these points, and the elimination of the Reds and extremists, a growing number are asking what further grounds for war exist between North and South, and are of opinion that as such negotiations should become more and more possible, especially if fighting in the spring proves indecisive, as is generally anticipated.—Reuter.

Seven out of the ten women who hold office as lord mayor and mayor this year have joined the National Council of the Queen Charlotte's Hospital Mother-Saving Campaign.

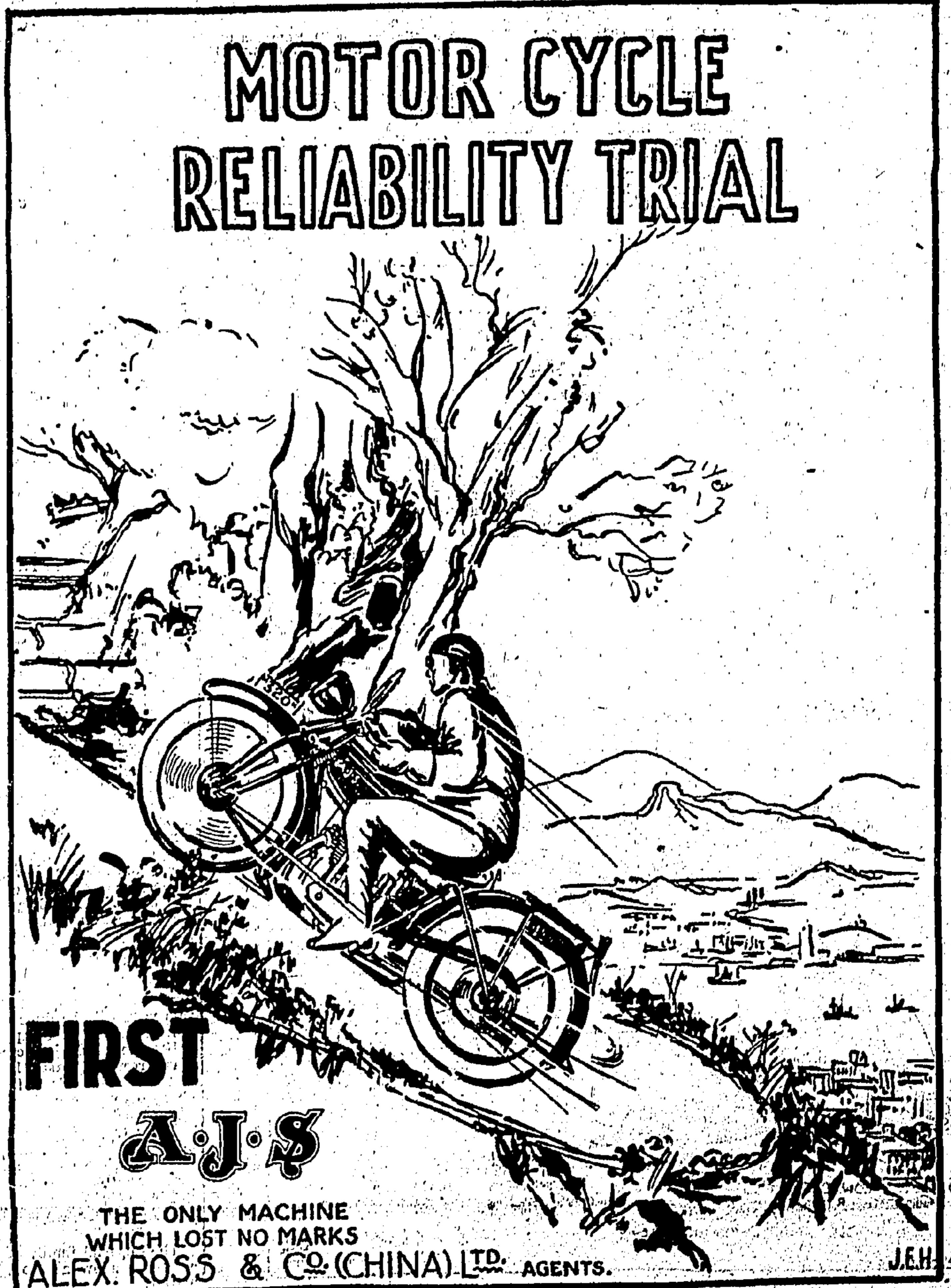
irty feet from the tee to have them drop the ball squarely in the ditch as though they had aimed for it.

This is the power of suggestion that forms the basis of all of the faith-healing cults that have existed since the beginning of time. This power of suggestion is equally responsible for creating in some people a belief in the presence of disease that does not actually exist.

##### Auto-Suggestion.

It is possible to overcome a mental hazard by auto-suggestion, as was suggested indeed by the late but not too much lamented Coue. Every man starts his game with a potential mental handicap. Far more depends on the brain—one brings to the links, the courts, or the business office than on the things which occur there.

The real test of mental efficiency, as emphasized by Dr. Hyslop, is one of balance, and of the relatives of judgment, feeling and control.



## THE METAL BOX

By THOMAS COBB.

(Author of "False Pretences," "Mrs. Pomeroy's Reputation, etc.)

### CHAPTER XVI. THE INDIGNATION OF THERESA.

At twelve o'clock on Tuesday, Theresa Faversham was in tears, a painful ordeal for Foster. The instant she saw his face, she knew something had gone wrong, though she little imagined what. She had been talking to Elias Faversham and one of his friends when Foster reached the hotel, and when Foster reached the hotel, and along with him ten minutes later, after her uncle had gone out, she was asked whether they could not talk in some less public place.

Going to the bureau, not without a sense of embarrassment, she asked for the temporary use of a private room, and was conducted to one by a dapper page, on the first floor; a slip of a room, adjoining the drawing-room. There without beating about the bush, Foster told her what had taken place the previous day at Park Lane.

His statement was accepted without demur. She made no attempt to question that Lucy Parkinson's jewels had been insured, but covering her face with her hands, broke into rare tears. Watching her palpitating body, he felt more distressed than ever before, longing more than anything to take her in his arms.

"So it comes to this," she cried, lowering her hands presently. "Instead of helping Everard to perform a righteous action, I was actually assisting in the meanest of frauds."

"But you had no suspicion—"

"How do you know?" she demanded, flinging out her arms in desperation. "How do you know I wasn't as bad as Everard? That I wasn't in the—the swindle?"

"Because I happen to know you," said Foster, but she laughed in scorn.

"You thought you knew me before," she insisted. "How can you tell? I may have been aiding and abetting him. You can't feel perfectly certain. It's inevitable there should be doubt in your mind. The suspicion is bound to occur to you. You will ask yourself—is she what I thought that odious morning at Treadwell Mansions? After all, you will tell yourself, I've only her own word."

"That stands before everything," Foster assured her. "Your word is indisputable, but, frankly," he added, "I don't trust Parkinson an inch. He went to Baynton Crescent on the Monday before the murder. How do I know he wasn't there on the actual night?"

"You're—you're never insinuating that—that he killed Miss Croom?" she cried, with an expression of consternation.

"There's a case for inquiry, anyhow," said Foster. "I see now that I ought to have told Pow about the contents of the box at once. Knowing what I do now about Parkinson, how can I keep quiet any longer? And even if I do it's probable Monet Rullon won't."

Theresa stood with her lip drawn in between her small, even teeth. She ought not, Foster told himself, to be mixed up in such a squalid affair. The part did not suit her. Her low, wide forehead was full of wrinkles as she looked up into his face.

"Dr. Markwell," she said. "Everard had nothing to do with Miss Croom's death. He behaved abominably. I shall never forgive him. But he's not capable of striking a woman, to say nothing of murdering her."

Foster felt that she wished him to go. She would feel embarrassed if Elias Faversham should return to find her closeted with himself, and now he held out his hand, leaving her in the private room, with a suspicion that her tears would break forth again the instant she was alone. At luncheon, Elias Faversham wondered what in the world had been happening during his absence. Her eyes looked red, her tongue was tied. As soon as he rose from the table, she insisted that she had an engagement, and less than a quarter of an hour later, left the hotel.

She could not rest till she had seen Everard, told him he was found out, heard where he had spent the evening of Thursday, the Tenth. She had declared that he had nothing to do with that horrible crime, but nevertheless longed for evidence of his innocence. She had never entered Cliff Street before, but the matter was too urgent to permit of ceremony. She understood that economy led him to lunch in his rooms, but if he were not at home, she would try again during the afternoon.

He lodged on a second floor over a discreet looking chemist's shop, and on ringing the bell at the private door, it was opened by a neatly dressed girl who did not

### BRITISH FILMS FOR "QUOTA."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN GOING  
TO LONDON.

### AMERICA'S NEW MOVE.

According to a cablegram received from Mr. A. E. Bundy, the chairman of British Instructional, who is at present in New York, it has now ceased to be "merely a rumour" that Charlie Chaplin will shortly go to England to make a British picture. Before he sailed, Mr. Bundy was already conducting negotiations to this end with Mr. Chaplin. The probability is that these are now on the verge of completion.

America is already taking energetic steps to deal with the situation created by the "quota." Mr. Bundy states that he has now agreed to terms by which British Instructional, in addition to its own enterprises, will make films at its new studios in Welwyn Garden City for a leading American company—understood to be Fox's—these films being, of course, eligible for the "quota" of British films.

#### NATIONAL QUALITY.

Although the capital behind these pictures will be American, it is suggested that they will stimulate a healthy rivalry on the part of British-financed "quota" films, and at the same time increase employment, secure American technical co-operation, and open the door to the American market.

It has to be admitted, of course, that there are other points of view, and that the American public might have its effect upon the national quality of the pictures themselves. So far, however, as British Instructional is concerned,

Mr. Bruce Woolfe, the managing director, may be trusted to see to it that every film made at Welwyn is genuinely British in spirit as well as in cast and authorship.

The cable from Mr. Bundy also states that "the film industry in America is expecting the extension of protective measures in other countries" and is "inclined to meet Empire markets from England."

The "Falklands" film, which was presented for a special season at the Cameo, New York, was, adds Mr. Bundy, "highly commended by all." On the opening night "hundreds were unable to obtain admittance."

#### HUNTINGTOWER.

Messrs. Welsh Pearson state that they signed a contract with Famous-Lasky for the distribution of three British feature-films to be produced in 1928. This arrangement followed upon the recent completion of "Huntingtower," with Sir Harry Lauder as the hero. Sir Harry will play the principal part also in one of the three forthcoming films.

Among "quota" pictures already presented by Famous-Lasky are a series of two-reel pictures based upon the "Sexton Blake" detective stories, upon which Mr. George Banfield, of British Filmcraft Productions, is now preparing to start work. Mr. Banfield has engaged Mr. George A. Cooper to direct this series, and Mr. Langhorne Burton will play the namepart.

The inmates, numbering 1,000, of the Holborn Institution at Shoreditch, are being kept under observation as possible smallpox contacts. It has been discovered that an Italian transferred from another institution was suffering from the disease.

#### LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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"I don't know anything of the kind," she murmured, flushing vividly.

"He'll do anything if only you ask him in the right way. Whatever it costs, you've got to keep him quiet. Good Lord! Imagine him in the witness-box! How would you feel while he gives his account of the nice little game you played, and who do you think will believe you had nothing to gain by it?"

"Now," she demanded, "could anyone believe I wanted to gain anything—"

"Oh, well," retorted Everard, half sneering, half laughing, "my gratitude, anyhow."

(To be continued.)  
(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

### WILL DISPUTE.

#### JUDGE CRITICISES INSURANCE COMPANY'S DOCUMENT.

A testamentary document stated to have been issued by an insurance company was severely criticised in the Probate Division during the hearing of an action concerning the estate of Mrs. Susanna Sprengel, widow of Cartergate, Grimsby, who died on December 26, 1926, leaving £1,100.

The plaintiffs, Mr. Percy Emil Sprengel and Mrs. Olga Clementine Lee, of Rowland-road, Burnley, son and daughter of the testatrix, propounded a will of February 25, 1920, which was opposed by the defendant, Alwine Sanna Menny, of Deansgate, Great Grimsby, on the ground that it was revoked by a later document.

Mr. Tyndale, for the plaintiffs, said that it was clear from the will of February, 1920, what were the intentions of the testatrix, but contained in a printed document, which was found after her death, were words which ought never to have been there.

"It is a wicked document," said counsel. "It is dated February, 1923, and although dealing only with a little burial money, it contains a clause whereby testatrix revoked all previous testamentary dispositions. Clearly testatrix never intended to revoke her will of 1920, but the revocation clause was never brought to her notice."

Relying to Mr. Justice Hill, counsel said that the document was issued by an insurance company.

Mr. Justice Hill—It is, very unbusiness-like, and I hope the insurance company will not pursue the policy of supplying this form of will, which, although dealing only with insurance matters, contains words of general revocation. It is most misleading and may lead to all sorts of complications.

Defendant did not contest the action further, and after formal proof of the execution of the will of February 25, 1920, his Lordship pronounced in favour of this will.

### DR. MARIE STOPES.

#### LEGAL DIFFICULTY FOLLOWS LIBEL ACTION.

The libel action brought by Mr. Gwynne, Editor of the *Morning Post*, against Dr. Marie Stopes was mentioned to Mr. Justice Avory in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Gwynne was awarded £200 damages and costs against Dr. Marie Stopes for libel contained in a letter which she wrote to the Duke of Northumberland, and complaining that an advertisement had been withdrawn from the *Morning Post*.

Mr. O'Connor, representing Mr. Gwynne, said that difficulty had arisen in regard to drawing up the form of judgment. The defendant was sued as Marie Carmichael Stopes, by which name she was generally known. She entered an appearance as Marie Charlotte Carmichael Stopes, but in an affidavit which she swore her name was given as Marie Carmichael Stopes, and when she gave evidence she said her name was Marie Carmichael Stopes, and that she was the wife of Mr. H. V. Roe.

Consequently, he now asked his Lordship to allow that the writ and subsequent proceedings might be amended by substituting such formulae as he and counsel for the defendant might agree upon.

Mr. Melville, K.C., for Dr. Stopes, said there was now no difference between them if the amendment might stand that Dr. Stopes was sued as Marie Carmichael Stopes, wife of Mr. H. V. Roe. It was in that form she brought proceedings, and judgment in those proceedings was entered against her on a former occasion. He understood there would be no trouble in the *Morning Post* if that course were taken.

Mr. Justice Avory—Very well. His Lordship ordered that each side should pay its own costs in the application.

### BENSON NOVEL STAGED.

Eastbourne, Feb. 14.—"The Luck of the Vails," the dramatised version of Mr. E. F. Benson's novel, was produced last night at the Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne, and had a good reception.

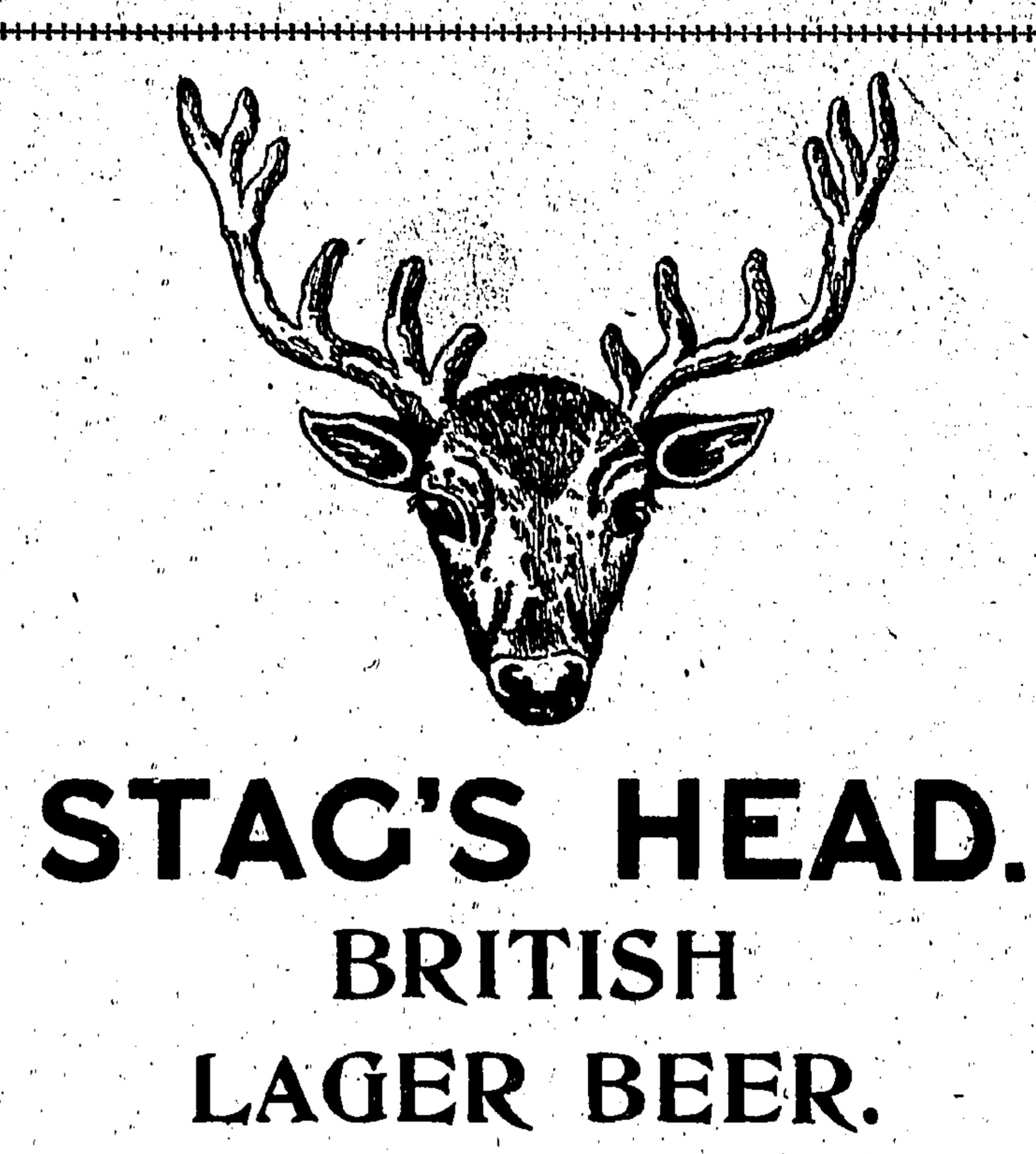
This is the first of the noted author's works to be presented on any stage. It is here being produced by Mr. Archibald de Bear, and is having a trial run before presentation in London.

In the cast are Donald Calthrop, Mr. Felix Aylmer, Mr. Bruce Belgrave, Mr. Patrick Waddington, Miss Betty Schuster, and Mr. George Hewettson and Lady Tree.

Donald Calthrop, as the old madman, has a difficult part, but he plays it extremely well. An interesting feature was that the special scene decorations were by the Hon. Ian Campbell-Gray, son of Baroness Gray.

Subsequently the jury in the Russell and Price case was requested to return to court. They said they were still unable to agree.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne—Having regard to what you tell me, I can only come to the conclusion that some of your body are acting per-



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### JURIES REFUSE DUTY.

### MUTE OF MALICE IN THE DUBLIN COURT.

Two juries figured in remarkable incidents at the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, recently.

When two young men, Sean Russell and Michael Price, were charged with having assisted in the formation of a military force, contrary to the law, and with being members of that illegal organisation, they refused to answer when asked to plead.

A jury was then sworn in to decide whether they were "mute of malice or by visitation of God."

Superintendent Ennis said that the men could speak, and after a long retirement the jury returned with the intimation that they could not agree, and that there was no possibility of agreement.

Try Again.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne: What is your difficulty?

The jury remained silent, and were directed by the judge to again retire. Again they reappeared, and again the foreman said, "There is no possible chance of agreement."

Mr. Justice O'Byrne looked at his watch and said, "It is a very long day, gentlemen, and I will ask you to retire again."

When they had disappeared, a young man named James Donnelly was indicted; he, too, made no reply when asked to plead, and a jury was sworn to decide the same point as in the previous case. They also, returned, saying they could not agree.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne—Very well.

His Lordship ordered that each side should pay its own costs in the application.

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The Minister of Agriculture announces that he proposes to issue draft regulations for the purposes of the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1926, dealing with methods of sampling and analysing, limits of variations, and several other matters. The intention is to bring the Act into operation on July 1.

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### THE VOLUNTEERS.

#### ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 321. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieutenant-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, March 16.

1. Equipment.

Or. C. Units will collect all leather pouches and return them to Stores at Volunteer Headquarters, as soon as possible.

2. Corps Rifle Meeting.

The dates and order of events will be as follows:

Sunday, 8th April, 1928.

Blind Shield, French Cup, Jar Competition, Plate Competition, and Attack Competition.

Monday, 9th April, 1928.

Corps Championship and Tyro Competition, Musketry Competition, Revolver Cup, and Lewis Gun Competition.

Tuesday, 10th April, 1928.

Revolver Competition, both days.

Entrance fees. All individual events \$1.00 per man per competition, other events 50 cents per man, with exception of Revolver Competition (unlimited entries) for which the fee is 20 cents per entry, made on the range.

Intending Competitors must send in their names, accompanied by entrance fees, not later than Monday, 2nd April, 1928, to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters.

3. The Battery.

The Battery will parade for instruction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday 22nd instant. It is expected of all members that they will make a special effort to attend the remaining drills of this season.

4. Field Section.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st March for General Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

5. Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd March for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

6. Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 19th March for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

7. Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon, Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th and Friday, 23rd March for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

No. 2 Platoon, Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 20th March for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufli.

8. Scottish Company.

Sunday, 18th March, 1928. Triangular school between 2nd Bn'tn: Scots Guards, 2nd Bn'tn: K. O. S. Borderers, and Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C. kindly arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer will take place at Stomeweters.

Scottish Company Team will be—

Sergt. Cuthill, Sergt. Young, L/Sergt. Goodman, Corp. D. Lyon, Privates Stophani-Thomson, McLennan, Maxwell and Boultone.

Reserve—Piper G. Nisbet.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress for Competitors. Glengarry, khaki tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hose, flashes, spats, belt, frog, braces and pouches.

Dress for Visitors: Uniform as above (with belt frog and bayonet only) or mufli optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 16th March, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 17th March, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

9. Portuguese Company.

There will be no parade on Friday, 16th March. Next Company parade on Friday, 23rd March at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for practices at Kennedy Road Range and Mincing Range.

Riflemen detailed by C.S.M. to

parade Kennedy Road Range at 10.30 a.m. for rapid fire practice.

Tuesday, 20th March. N.C.O.'s and

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constituents can have no cause for  
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## Extension Programme.

In 1924 my predecessor made reference in his speech to a proposed extension of the North Point generating plant to 28,000 K.W. Steps were taken to put this work in hand during 1925, but owing to industrial troubles that year the expected growth in the demand for electricity failed to mature and we deferred action until the end of 1926. This postponement of part of the scheme for expansion has enabled us to spread the expenditure over a longer period and, at the moment we hope to be able to carry out our programme without calling upon shareholders for new capital in the immediate future.

The expenditure on Capital Account amounted to \$1,116,464 which covers part of the cost of a new generating station building and machinery at North Point, the building and equipment of of sub-stations at Wong Nei Chung and Causeway Bay and the laying of 18 miles of high tension and low tension cables in various parts of the island. The purchase of new machinery accounts for the increase under the heading of Bills Payable.

## Branch Offices.

A new item appears in the accounts this year under the heading of Branch Office equipment. We have opened branch offices for the collection of accounts, etc., in Shaukiwan and Wanchai. We believe this is a convenience to our constituents and propose to extend the arrangement to other parts of the town as occasion arises. Our generating machinery and distributing plant has been maintained in good order during the year and we have been free from any industrial troubles.

I take this opportunity of placing on record the Directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the staff and workmen during the year. Nothing further, I think, calls for comment and I now beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask.

## Seconder's Speech.

Mr. G. C. Moxon, in seconding the proposal, said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen—I think every shareholder has reason to be satisfied with the report and accounts for 1927 and also with the proposed appropriation of the profits. One of the changes in Hongkong most noticeable to me is the increased use of electricity for lighting. As far as our Company is concerned, the output of electricity in 1927 was more than 2½ times greater than in 1920. The Company has since 1920 scrapped the whole of its old and obsolete plant and has installed a new and up-to-date system at a cost of over \$8½ millions. With a subscribed capital of \$3,000,000, this has only been possible because we have carried out the greater part of these works by investing our reserves in the business. The proposed issue of bonus shares will give shareholders a reasonable return upon the undivided profits of latter years and is an arrangement which they will, I am convinced, consider eminently satisfactory.

## Extraordinary Result.

We are interested in your remarks on the reduction of charges since 1914. My own experience enables me to confirm the statement that the price of electricity in Hongkong compares favourably with that in England. This result is all the more extraordinary when one considers the enormous cost of land in Hongkong, and the generally higher cost of all those spaces required by an undertaking of this nature.

We are pleased to note that the extension of the North Point plant is now proceeding. The fact that the postponement of this work in 1925 has enabled you to forecast the possibility of carrying out this scheme without asking shareholders for more capital is of interest; as it must be one of the few instances in which the industrial troubles of 1925 have been of advantage to any section of the community. In conclusion, I desire to congratulate the Directors, the Company's Agents and the staff on the very satisfactory figures placed before us, and I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

## Business Matters.

On the proposition of Mr. J. H. Taggart, seconded by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy the appointments to the Board of Mr. G. G. S. Mackie, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, and Mr. T. E. Pearce were confirmed, and Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. T. G. Weall were re-elected to the Board.

COMMON LOYALTY  
IN EMPIRE.

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GEN. SMUTS' MILD REBUKE TO  
SOUTH AFRICA.

## RIGHT OF NEUTRALITY.

Cape Town, Mar. 15. "We are not free individual States but free members of an associated Empire," said General Smuts in the South African Assembly to-day when the debate was resumed on the motion to ratify the report of the Imperial Conference.

General Smuts spoke at considerable length in developing views opposing Mr. Herzog's opinion regarding the Dominions' right of neutrality.

He intimated that the Opposition would vote in favour of the report, and said the Empire meant security for all the Members, but if all asserted their right to neutrality what would remain of security?

They would all have to build armies and navies in the nature of protection against possible future troubles. They were not free individual States. If it was a matter of major concern for the Empire, he hoped and anticipated that the Dominions would always do what they did in 1914.

It would be practically impossible for any Dominion to declare its neutrality in a war in which Britain was involved and vice versa an Empire not built on neutrality would not endure thereon, but on the common loyalty of the members.

General Smuts urged that the question should be left for the consideration and judgment of the Imperial Conference.—Reuters.

LI CHAI-SUM GOES  
NORTH.

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Man-yan and a few subordinate officials, together with General Chan Ming-shui who joined the party later.

In a brief chat with General Hau King-long on the wharf the Telegraph representative was informed that Marshal Li's trip to Nanking will be a short one, probably lasting about a fortnight, and that conferences will be held with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Commissioners of the Nationalist Political Council on military and other matters.

Mr. Leung Yan-po proposed that Messrs. Linstead and Davis be re-elected as auditors at a remuneration of \$1,500. This, on being seconded by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, was carried.

The Chairman stated that that closed the business of the meeting.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) supported by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. T. G. Weall, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. T. E. Pearce, (Directors) and Mr. P. R. Marsh M.I.E.E. (Manager). Shareholders present were Messrs. G. C. Moxon, C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., O. F. Ribeiro, V. Sorby, Ip Fook, To Tso-hing, H. Ruttledge, L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. C. M. Hearnley, F. L. Brown, Chua Seng-choo, J. T. Ingram, E. M. Raymond, Chan Pak-yick, Leung Yan-po, L. J. Davies, D. J. Lewis, W. H. Murdoch, J. H. Taggart, E. Ezra, R. Pestorji, G. H. Potts, L. E. Ozorio, O. B. Baptista, Wong Hing-kwong, W. J. Stokes, A. Mitchell, B. L. Seton-Watson (Attorney for A. David & A. J. David), and Li Kin-pai.

## INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Approved by Extraordinary  
Meeting.

An extraordinary meeting followed, Mr. Mackie again presiding.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—This meeting has been called for the purpose of obtaining your sanction to the increase in the capital of the Company which is necessary before we can issue the bonus shares of which I have just spoken. He then proposed that the following resolution be passed:—That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects *pari passu* with the original capital of the Company.

This was seconded by the Hon.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and was carried.

The Chairman announced that a further extraordinary general meeting would be held in the same place at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, April 2nd, for the purpose of confirming the resolution.

ELOQUENT NAVAL  
FIGURES.

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So, he said, when one looked at the contributions of the United States of 500,000 tons and our own of 2,000,000 tons, one could not say we had not done our part.

"I do not think," said Mr. Bridgeman, "it is quite sufficiently understood how large a part we have played in this matter. We are the only nation that is dependent for our very existence on the free passage of the seas and for that reason our contribution, I think, is all the more remarkable."

## Less Than U.S. or Japan.

Our present naval expenditure was seven per cent. of the total budget of the country instead of the pre-war figure of 27.5 per cent. and as against 8.5 per cent. in the United States at the present time and 14.9 per cent. in Japan.—British Wireless.

## Genova Disclosures.

Mr. Bridgeman condemned as erroneous the off-repeated idea that whereas at the Geneva Conference the United States suggested a total of 400,000 tons, Britain insisted on 600,000; and explained that the United States demanded twenty-five 10,000 tons cruisers.

Britain retorted that if all cruisers were to be 10,000 tons ships Britain would require 600,000 as her total tonnage because she required numbers and not size.

Mr. Bridgeman pointed out that we dropped three cruisers in the first place for the benefit of the exchequer, but also to show that whatever happened at Geneva or elsewhere, it was not going to drive us to a great naval building competition with America or anyone else.

Referring to the American naval programme, he said eight large cruisers had already been authorised and if the further fifteen were completed they would have twenty-three which would be only two less than the number they demanded at Geneva.—Reuters.

LORD TERRINGTON'S  
CAR.SIR H. RECKITT'S ALLEGATION  
OF £200,000 FRAUDS.

It was stated in the Court of Appeal during the hearing of an appeal concerning a cheque drawn by Lord Terrington on the account of Sir Harold James Reckitt that Sir Harold had been "similarly defrauded" of more than £200,000.

The cheque concerned in the appeal was drawn in part payment of a car purchased for the use of Lord Terrington, and was signed "Sir Harold James Reckitt, Bart., Terrington, agent."

Before Lords Justices Scriven and Sankey and Mr. Justice Russell, Messrs. Barnett, Pembroke and Slater, Limited, of Alexandra Garage, Old Barrack Yard, Knightsbridge, appealed from a judgment of Mr. Justice Rowlett, holding that they were liable to Sir Harold Reckitt, of Rutland Court, Knightsbridge, for £200.

Mr. Jowitt, K.C., for the appellants, said the question to be decided was: Which of two innocent persons should suffer for the fraudulent act of a third. Sir Harold Reckitt some years ago appointed Lord Terrington to act for him. Lord Terrington was given very wide powers, which were subsequently extended, so that he could draw cheques on Sir Harold's account without restriction.

Mr. Justice Rowlett, said counsel, held that as Lord Terrington signed the cheque as agent the appellants were put on notice and must suffer. The case was important because Sir Harold Reckitt had been similarly defrauded of £200,000.

Mr. Schiller, K.C., for Sir Harold:—More than that.

Mr. Jowitt said the decision would probably govern other cases.

The hearing was adjourned.

Lord Terrington is at present the subject of extradition proceedings in France, but is too ill to be moved to England.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Captain Paul Boyton, on March 21, 1878, 2. King Paul II. of Yugoslavia, an island of the Sardinian coast. 3. The St. G. manuscript, written with red ink, 4. Henry the Eighth, King of England. 5. The "Tres Riches Heures," 6. The date is that on which the original Alexander Selkirk, was found on the island of Juan Fernandez. 7. Those of Queen Catherine and Jane Seymour. 8. The site of Winchester. 9. The African duck. 10. The village where the first American football game was played. 11. The Vienna "Reichstag," copies of which have just been found hidden in the Austrian State Library. 12. The author of "The Merchant of Venice." 13. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 14. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 15. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 16. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 17. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 18. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 19. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 20. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 21. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 22. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 23. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 24. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 25. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 26. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 27. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 28. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 29. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 30. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 31. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 32. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 33. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 34. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 35. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 36. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 37. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 38. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 39. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 40. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 41. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 42. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 43. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 44. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 45. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 46. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 47. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 48. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 49. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 50. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 51. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 52. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 53. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 54. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 55. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 56. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 57. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 58. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 59. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 60. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 61. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 62. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 63. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 64. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 65. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 66. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 67. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 68. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 69. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 70. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 71. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 72. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 73. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 74. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 75. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 76. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 77. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 78. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 79. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 80. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 81. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 82. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 83. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 84. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 85. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 86. The author of "The Merchant of Venice," 87. The author of "The Merchant